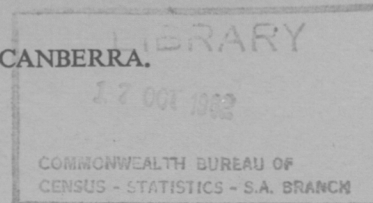


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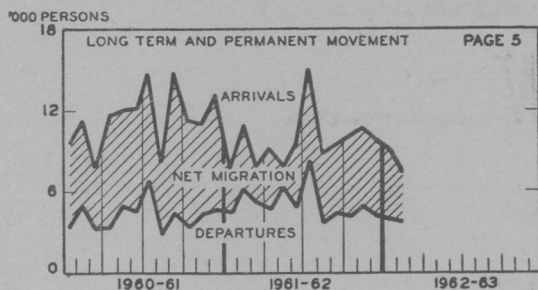
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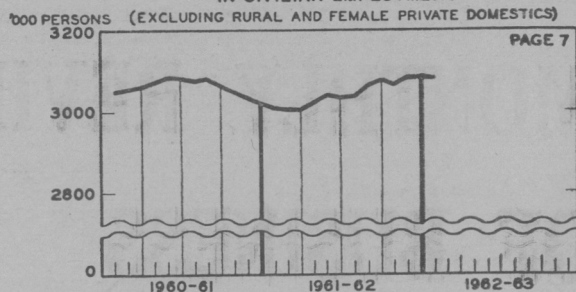
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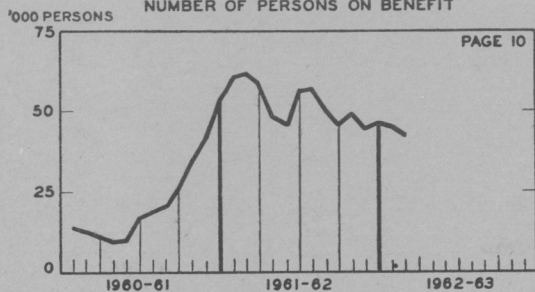
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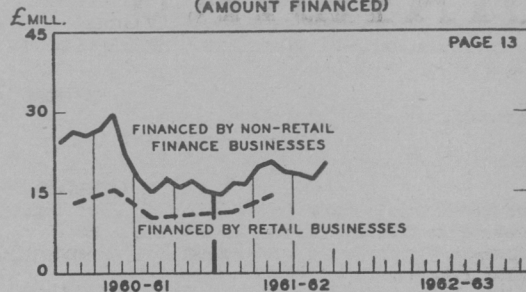
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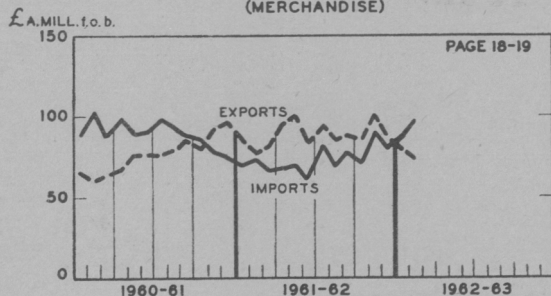
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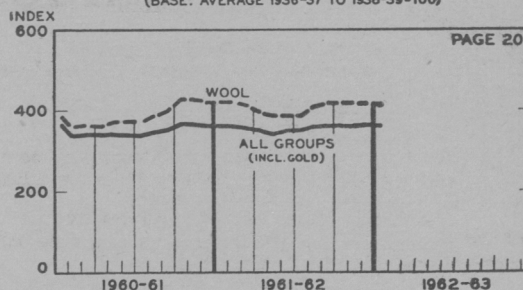
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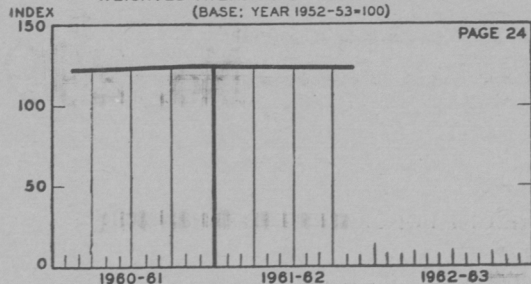
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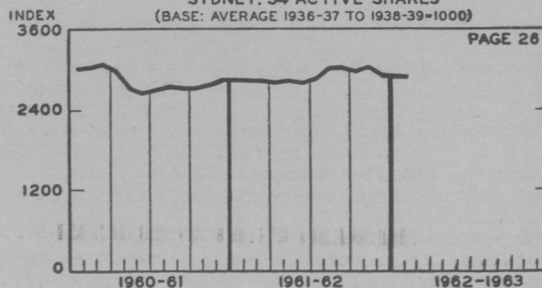
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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX CAPITAL CITIES (BASE: YEAR 1952-53=100)



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This and the following page summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein:—

Period.	Wage and Salary Earners in Civilian Employment (excl. Rural and Female Private Domestic). (a)		Number of Persons on Unemployment Benefit.	Average Weekly Earnings (c) Index (Base: 1953-54=100).	Internal Trade—Retail Sales. (d)	Overseas Trade (Merchandise only—Values f.o.b. port of Shipment).		International Reserves. (e)	Building Approvals. (f)	New Houses and Flats Commenced. (g)
	Employed in Factories. (b)	Total Civilian Employment.				Imports.	Exports.			
	'000	'000.			£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.	No.
Monthly Average—								(h)		
1936-37 ..	499	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.6	12.3	92.9	n.a.	n.a.
1937-38 ..	536	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.6	11.7	85.2	n.a.	n.a.
1938-39 ..	542	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	9.4	10.1	60.7	n.a.	n.a.
1955-56 ..	1,019	2,836	4,014	112.2	537.7	68.2	64.2	355.0	36.1	18,155
1956-57 ..	1,021	2,861	12,666	118.2	562.0	59.7	81.1	566.5	32.8	17,364
1957-58 ..	1,033	2,880	23,900	121.3	585.5	65.8	67.5	525.4	37.1	18,337
1958-59 ..	1,046	2,917	27,311	124.5	613.4	66.2	67.2	516.4	41.3	20,422
1959-60 ..	1,088	3,000	20,706	133.6	672.8	77.1	77.2	512.0	50.3	22,836
1960-61 ..	1,103	3,064	23,038	140.5	705.5	90.4	77.3	550.8	50.2	22,222
1961-62 ..	1,073	3,045	52,265	144.6	715.1	73.5	89.1	561.2	48.8	r20,617
Monthly Total—										
1960-61—	(i)		(j)					(h)		
July ..	1,115	3,051	14,897	138.2	685.2	89.0	66.5	482.6	58.9	25,638
August ..	1,119	3,058	13,331			103.1	61.1	441.9	59.1	
September ..	1,123	3,065	11,783			87.9	64.5	424.0	61.3	
October ..	1,125	3,073	10,364	141.3	784.3	100.0	68.7	413.3	59.5	23,926
November ..	1,126	3,089	10,660			89.6	76.8	398.0	61.3	
December ..	1,114	3,085	17,633			91.6	77.1	376.3	44.2	
January ..	1,111	3,079	19,257	141.3	666.7	99.8	76.5	374.5	34.6	20,136
February ..	1,108	3,083	20,941			94.8	79.1	373.6	41.4	
March ..	1,093	3,068	25,646			89.4	86.4	388.1	43.6	
April ..	1,080	3,051	35,025	141.1	{ 220.2 239.0 226.4	86.7	81.4	416.5	33.2	19,189
May ..	1,068	3,039	42,667			78.9	92.6	531.1	53.1	
June ..	1,055	3,021	54,254			74.6	97.3	550.8	51.9	
1961-62—						p	p			
July ..	1,048	3,009	61,499	141.8	{ r224.4 r227.1 r232.8	69.8	85.9	574.6	43.7	21,547
August ..	1,047	3,007	62,066			73.0	77.1	571.1	54.6	
September ..	1,046	3,004	59,561			66.9	81.2	573.4	53.2	
October ..	1,063	3,021	48,531	144.6	{ 233.7 242.9 306.7	68.7	95.6	578.0	49.7	19,172
November ..	1,070	3,040	45,545			70.0	100.9	587.0	54.2	
December ..	1,065	3,037	56,756			61.9	82.9	601.7	40.0	
January ..	1,074	3,039	57,105	145.3	{ 229.6 215.5 231.7	82.0	94.9	596.1	38.6	20,348
February ..	1,087	3,065	50,112			69.2	85.9	607.7	44.8	
March ..	1,093	3,081	45,870			77.6	89.2	537.6	53.9	
April ..	1,087	3,070	49,136	146.8	{ r228.1 r253.6 r234.4	71.1	86.3	550.3	49.5	r21,403
May ..	1,096	3,085	44,668			90.8	101.1	565.5	55.6	
June ..	1,100	3,088	46,324			81.7	87.6	561.2	48.0	
1962-63—										
July ..	1,101	3,085	45,453		234.1	r89.0	80.2	574.9	62.5	
August ..			42,647		243.2	97.5	74.0	565.8	55.8	

(a) Excludes Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service trainees in camp. See also note (a), p. 7. (b) Factory employment figures for periods to June, 1961, represent actual employment as recorded at successive annual Censuses of Factories. From July, 1961, the figures are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. See also note (b), p. 7. (c) All industries: seasonally adjusted. Average earnings per employed male unit. Male units represent total male employment, plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. (d) Quarterly average sales for years and quarterly and monthly total sales. Excludes the Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. Excludes Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. (e) Source: Reserve Bank. See Commonwealth Bank Statistical Bulletin, Banking Supplement, May, 1954, for a description of this series. (f) Includes permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorized by government authorities. (g) Includes owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years and quarterly totals. From September quarter, 1954, includes the Northern Territory. (h) Annual and December figures as at end of period; other figures last Wednesday of month. (i) At end of month. (j) Last Saturday of month.

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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

Period.	Wool Prices Index, Sydney. (a)	Production of Black Coal.	Total Electricity Generated.	Production of Ingot Steel. (b)	New Motor Vehicles Registered (excluding Defence Service Vehicles).		P.M.G.'s Department Cash Receipts.	Private Trading Banks.(e)		Bank Debits to Customers' Accounts (Weekly Averages).
					Motor Cars and Station Wagons. (c)	Other Motor Vehicles. (d)		Deposits.	Advances.	
	Pence per lb.	'000 tons.	Million kWh.	'000 tons. (f)	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£m.	£m.	£m.
Monthly Average—										
1936-37 ..	16.4	977	331	90.0	4.0	2.0	1,318	297.6	262.5	n.a.
1937-38 ..	12.7	990	363	97.2	4.6	2.3	1,396	314.8	274.4	n.a.
1938-39 ..	10.3	1,051	391	97.5	4.5	2.1	1,447	317.7	288.1	n.a.
1955-56 ..	60.7	1,586	1,398	193.4	13.5	5.6	6,612	1,295.4	804.4	522.0
1956-57 ..	77.9	1,643	1,524	231.2	12.3	4.8	7,519	1,328.0	762.6	563.3
1957-58 ..	62.1	1,697	1,650	253.1	13.8	5.1	8,065	1,391.3	774.3	592.7
1958-59 ..	47.5	1,705	1,767	267.0	14.7	5.5	8,622	1,376.3	807.0	637.4
1959-60 ..	56.3	1,769	1,933	293.3	18.7	5.8	10,136	1,453.1	818.3	747.4
1960-61 ..	51.5	1,914	2,068	312.3	18.6	4.9	11,347	1,457.5	902.5	803.8
1961-62 ..	54.1	2,049	2,204	338.5	18.0	4.3	11,651	1,510.7	852.5	823.6
Monthly Total—										
1960-61—		p								
July ..	52.0	1,974	2,312	310.2	20.4	5.6	9,931	1,438.1	913.0	835.0
August ..	48.0	2,211	2,303	333.2	22.5	6.3	11,457	1,432.5	918.8	805.5
September ..	48.5	2,057	2,121	310.6	22.5	5.8	11,036	1,426.2	929.5	797.5
October ..	48.0	1,970	2,081	316.1	24.3	5.5	11,125	1,448.3	942.4	831.6
November ..	50.0	2,079	2,030	313.5	26.1	5.8	11,273	1,460.6	940.8	846.0
December ..	49.5	1,674	1,946	337.3	17.6	4.8	12,196	1,458.2	930.8	856.5
January ..	50.0	1,001	1,873	257.3	12.7	3.6	10,548	1,467.1	905.1	742.8
February ..	52.0	1,953	1,859	282.5	12.9	4.1	10,681	1,495.8	881.0	768.8
March ..	53.0	2,180	2,048	326.3	19.0	4.7	12,191	1,501.7	866.4	795.8
April ..	57.0	1,437	1,949	321.8	14.8	4.1	10,905	1,480.6	873.0	757.1
May ..	57.0	2,291	2,285	333.3	16.3	4.7	12,009	1,445.4	866.1	815.2
June ..	56.0	2,146	2,266	330.6	14.2	4.2	12,813	1,432.8	874.2	781.7
1961-62—										
July ..	56.0	2,238	2,408	351.7	13.6	3.8	10,477	1,420.4	884.7	820.1
August ..	56.0	2,384	2,388	338.0	16.1	3.9	11,776	1,424.8	865.8	729.7
September ..	55.0	2,177	2,156	339.2	15.7	3.8	11,159	1,437.8	856.0	789.0
October ..	53.0	2,311	2,132	337.6	17.8	4.4	11,876	1,470.6	861.5	833.2
November ..	52.0	2,297	2,094	311.4	18.4	4.4	11,516	1,492.7	852.8	815.6
December ..	52.0	1,649	2,002	347.7	16.6	4.0	11,364	1,523.0	844.9	881.5
January ..	52.0	r1,223	2,017	338.6	15.8	3.8	11,506	1,558.0	825.5	748.2
February ..	55.0	2,082	1,986	308.2	18.0	4.2	11,650	1,588.1	816.3	856.0
March ..	56.0	2,269	2,195	346.2	21.2	5.1	12,633	1,589.9	822.5	834.3
April ..	56.0	r1,525	2,109	354.3	17.7	4.4	10,484	1,575.3	855.9	829.9
May ..	56.0	2,324	r2,515	358.9	21.9	5.5	12,634	1,536.5	867.7	896.1
June ..	56.0	2,111	r2,448	326.7	23.1	4.9	12,739	1,521.4	874.4	875.3
1962-63—										
July ..	55.0	2,319	2,615	r357.8	23.7	5.2	11,741	1,518.3	896.9	931.2
August ..	52.0		2,636	352.3	25.6	4.9	12,351	1,514.5	889.4	818.9

(a) Average price which a New South Wales clip of constant average quality would realize if sold at the level of prices obtaining in the specified month. Annual prices are averages of monthly prices weighted by quantity of greasy wool sold in month in New South Wales. (b) Includes recovery from scrap. (c) Includes ambulances and hearses prior to 1955-56. (d) Excludes motor cycles; includes ambulances and hearses subsequent to 1954-55. (e) Until December, 1946, averages of deposits and advances on Mondays in period; thereafter on Wednesdays. (f) Monthly averages for twelve months ended May.

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POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS: AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase.(a)	Net Oversea Migration.(b)	Total Increase. (c)(d)	Population at end of Period.(d)
Quarterly Average—							
1951-52	18,896	49,228	20,661	28,567	25,720	53,671	8,636,458
1952-53	17,870	50,739	20,023	30,716	14,516	44,726	8,815,362
1953-54	17,827	50,400	20,390	30,010	13,263	42,792	8,986,530
1954-55	17,848	51,213	20,541	30,672	22,868	53,300	9,199,729
1955-56	18,169	52,719	20,712	32,007	24,710	56,458	9,425,563
1956-57	18,111	53,753	21,467	32,286	21,594	53,644	9,640,138
1957-58	18,511	55,265	21,150	34,115	16,650	50,549	9,842,333
1958-59	18,458	56,495	22,013	34,482	19,289	53,537	10,056,479
1959-60	18,859	57,157	22,056	35,101	19,779	54,635	10,275,020
1960-61	19,091	59,459	22,199	37,260	21,297	58,292	10,508,186
Quarterly Total—							
1958-59—							
March Qtr. ..	18,726	54,289	19,104	35,185	21,862	56,795	10,004,153
June „ ..	19,249	58,883	23,867	35,016	17,541	52,326	10,056,479
1959-60—							
September „ ..	15,927	58,071	25,513	32,558	17,504	49,843	10,106,322
December „ ..	20,461	55,733	20,728	35,005	19,884	54,646	10,160,968
March „ ..	19,173	55,810	20,192	35,618	25,598	60,939	10,221,907
June „ ..	19,875	59,013	21,792	37,221	16,132	53,113	10,275,020
1960-61—							
September „ ..	15,995	59,218	26,498	32,720	18,571	51,061	10,326,081
December „ ..	20,385	56,285	19,982	36,303	29,834	65,839	10,391,920
March „ ..	19,940	61,118	20,331	40,787	22,527	63,025	10,454,945
June „ ..	20,042	61,214	21,983	39,231	14,258	53,241	10,508,186
1961-62—							
September „ ..	16,063	60,316	26,001	34,315	9,770	44,085	10,552,271
December „ ..	20,641	57,338	20,646	36,692	14,968	51,660	10,603,931
March „ ..	20,509	60,529	20,427	40,102	16,717	56,819	10,660,750

(a) Excess of births over deaths. (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. (c) Includes natural increase, net overseas migration and up to June, 1961, adjustments of population, on the basis of Census results. (d) The figures of Total Increase and Population have been revised in accordance with the results of the Census of 30th June, 1961. See also Note for table below. (e) Census 30th June.

POPULATION: STATES.

NOTE.—The estimated population at 31st March, 1962, for each State represents the population ascertained from the results of the Census of 30th June, 1961, plus natural increase and recorded net migration into the State for the period 1st July, 1961, to 31st March, 1962. As complete records of interstate migration are not available, the estimated State populations since 30th June, 1961, are approximate. Estimates shown below for the intercensal period 1st July, 1954, to 31st March, 1961, have been revised in accordance with results of the Census of 30th June, 1961. For some States such revisions were substantial.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
30th June—									
1952 ..	3,339,455	2,344,491	1,259,478	755,053	599,858	296,299	15,464	26,360	8,636,458
1953 ..	3,383,792	2,395,254	1,291,410	775,781	620,547	304,080	15,853	28,645	8,815,362
1954 (a) ..	3,423,529	2,452,341	1,318,259	797,094	639,771	308,752	16,469	30,315	8,986,530
1955 (b) ..	3,490,749	2,517,229	1,350,017	819,567	657,115	314,092	18,210	32,750	9,199,729
1956 (b) ..	3,554,257	2,593,468	1,381,591	848,557	674,529	318,470	19,556	35,135	9,425,563
1957 (b) ..	3,624,969	2,656,257	1,413,085	873,166	687,605	326,130	21,061	37,865	9,640,138
1958 (b) ..	3,691,954	2,718,482	1,439,199	896,803	699,565	333,066	22,097	41,167	9,842,333
1959 (b) ..	3,759,834	2,785,905	1,468,237	920,898	712,070	339,376	24,089	46,070	10,056,479
1960 (b) ..	3,832,453	2,857,389	1,495,927	945,320	722,080	343,910	25,573	52,368	10,275,020
1961 (a) ..	3,917,013	2,930,113	1,518,828	969,340	736,629	350,340	27,095	58,828	10,508,186
31st March—									
1962 (c) ..	3,973,539	2,974,843	1,527,405	985,077	750,046	358,520	27,107	64,213	10,660,750

(a) Census.

(b) Revised figures based on the results of the Census of 30th June, 1961.

(c) See NOTE above.

OVERSEA ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

Permanent movement—persons arriving with stated intent to settle permanently in Australia, and residents departing with stated intent to reside permanently abroad.

Long-term movement—arrival of visitors and temporary departure of residents with stated intent to stay (in Australia or in a country abroad respectively) for twelve months or more, and the departure of visitors and return of residents who have stayed (in Australia or in a country abroad respectively) for twelve months or more.

Short-term movement—all other movement, including the movement of Australian troops irrespective of period of stay.

ARRIVALS.

Period.	Permanent Movement.	Long-term Movement.		Short-term Movement.		Total Movement.	
	Settlers Arriving.	Residents Returning.	Visitors Arriving.	Residents Returning.	Visitors Arriving.	Total Arrivals.	Excess of Total Arrivals over Total Departures.
Monthly Average—							
1957-58	(a)	(a)	(a)	4,844	4,922	18,764	5,550
1958-59	(a)	(a)	(a)	4,999	5,361	20,085	6,430
1959-60	8,824	1,337	979	5,527	6,332	22,999	6,593
1960-61	9,024	1,406	1,110	6,821	7,731	26,092	7,099
1961-62	7,150	1,608	1,119	7,661	8,515	26,053	4,034
Monthly Total—							
1961-62—July ..	6,304	881	748	4,778	6,504	19,215	1,315
August ..	8,763	1,421	814	7,121	7,598	25,717	4,471
September ..	5,539	1,512	992	8,458	7,513	24,014	3,984
October ..	6,520	1,833	948	9,187	8,801	27,289	8,326
November ..	5,115	1,975	990	8,870	8,348	25,298	2,716
December ..	5,933	2,422	1,232	8,111	11,866	29,564	3,926
January ..	11,312	1,943	1,850	10,332	8,531	33,968	6,091
February ..	5,635	1,512	1,842	8,135	9,755	26,879	7,883
March ..	6,840	1,540	1,184	6,900	9,663	26,127	2,743
April ..	8,156	1,292	792	6,353	8,403	24,996	1,968
May ..	8,033	1,692	1,101	7,490	8,370	26,686	1,888
June ..	7,658	1,278	930	6,196	6,825	22,887	3,099
1962-63—July r ..	7,336	1,089	857	6,270	6,499	22,051	5,466
August p ..	5,247	1,427	844	6,614	8,482	22,614	4,305

DEPARTURES.

Period.	Permanent Movement.		Long-term Movement.		Short-term Movement.		Total Movement.
	Former Settlers Departing. ^b	Other Residents Departing.	Residents Departing.	Visitors Departing.	Residents Departing.	Visitors Departing.	Total Departures.
Monthly Average—							
1957-58	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	4,714	4,964	13,214
1958-59	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	4,933	5,481	13,655
1959-60	525	538	2,061	653	6,113	6,516	16,406
1960-61	494	458	2,379	985	6,847	7,830	18,993
1961-62	770	597	2,781	1,049	7,840	8,982	22,019
Monthly Total—							
1961-62—July ..	569	559	2,488	1,014	5,902	7,368	17,900
August ..	1,213	770	3,092	1,192	6,720	8,259	21,246
September ..	847	583	2,806	1,026	5,996	8,772	20,030
October ..	754	559	2,584	881	5,936	8,249	18,963
November ..	1,139	590	3,503	1,210	7,153	8,987	22,582
December ..	916	572	2,378	1,115	11,616	9,041	25,638
January ..	1,149	949	4,799	1,487	8,169	11,324	27,877
February ..	503	453	1,921	776	6,631	8,712	18,996
March ..	517	462	2,546	930	8,531	10,398	23,384
April ..	559	384	2,333	916	9,978	8,858	23,028
May ..	487	670	2,723	1,133	9,796	9,989	24,798
June ..	588	608	2,197	911	7,656	7,828	19,788
1962-63—July r ..	493	457	2,125	1,028	5,897	6,585	16,585
August p ..	550	382	2,288	586	6,361	8,142	18,309

(a) Not available.

(b) Excludes persons who stated on departure that they had come to Australia to settle and had stayed for a period of less than twelve months.

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WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.(a)

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Month.	Civilian Employees in Main Industrial Groups.									Total Civilian Employees.		
	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (b)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Wholesale Trade, etc.; Finance, Property.	Public Authority (n.e.i.); Community Services, etc.(c)	Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service.		Private Employers.	Government Authorities.(d)	Total.
MALES.												
1958—June ..	51.6	791.1	202.4	311.8	132.7	216.3	226.1	74.2		1,476.1	621.8	2,097.9
1959—June ..	49.1	805.6	205.2	312.6	133.6	221.5	233.2	73.7		1,493.7	633.9	2,127.6
1960—June ..	49.3	840.9	206.6	312.0	137.3	231.1	240.6	75.3		1,554.4	633.3	2,187.7
1961—June ..	48.6	810.3	205.3	316.4	135.3	235.7	250.0	75.5		1,522.8	649.9	2,172.7
1962—June ..	46.7	836.1	205.4	309.0	138.5	237.1	260.7	76.0		1,544.7	662.2	2,206.9
1960-61—June ..	48.6	810.3	205.3	316.4	135.3	235.7	250.0	75.5		1,522.8	649.9	2,172.7
1961-62—July ..	48.5	806.5	203.2	315.5	135.3	234.1	250.7	75.1		1,514.7	650.0	2,164.7
Aug. ..	48.3	804.2	201.9	314.3	135.1	234.7	251.3	75.7		1,510.6	650.6	2,161.2
Sept. ..	45.8	800.5	200.6	313.6	135.8	235.9	251.5	76.2		1,505.9	649.5	2,155.4
Oct. ..	44.8	813.1	198.7	311.9	136.5	236.4	252.2	75.8		1,515.8	649.3	2,165.1
Nov. ..	47.3	816.1	197.4	311.6	139.4	238.1	252.6	76.2		1,524.7	649.8	2,174.5
Dec. ..	47.3	812.5	195.5	311.0	141.9	237.6	253.2	77.6		1,523.0	649.3	2,172.3
Jan. ..	47.3	818.3	195.4	310.4	138.3	237.9	254.9	77.1		1,524.9	651.2	2,176.1
Feb. ..	47.2	825.2	198.9	311.8	137.8	238.7	257.1	76.8		1,533.5	657.1	2,190.6
Mar. ..	47.0	828.4	202.9	312.3	138.2	239.1	258.6	76.7		1,538.6	661.5	2,200.1
April ..	46.8	826.7	201.8	309.5	137.7	237.8	259.6	77.0		1,531.1	662.8	2,193.9
May ..	46.8	833.7	205.2	310.4	138.4	237.6	260.0	76.4		1,542.4	663.2	2,205.6
June ..	46.7	836.1	205.4	309.0	138.5	237.1	260.7	76.0		1,544.7	662.2	2,206.9
1962-63—July ..	46.7	837.3	203.3	309.6	138.0	235.8	260.7	75.9		1,543.9	660.9	2,204.8
FEMALES.												
1958—June ..	1.1	244.0	5.5	39.9	125.6	92.3	198.4	77.8		655.9	136.6	792.5
1959—June ..	1.1	248.9	5.6	40.3	126.5	95.3	209.9	77.3		669.1	143.9	813.0
1960—June ..	1.1	270.4	6.0	40.9	133.1	101.5	220.0	78.3		709.4	150.2	859.6
1961—June ..	1.2	245.1	6.3	41.5	133.5	104.3	230.9	76.8		690.6	157.6	848.2
1962—June ..	1.2	263.5	6.4	40.8	137.5	104.6	241.8	76.5		716.5	164.6	881.1
1960-61—June ..	1.2	245.1	6.3	41.5	133.5	104.3	230.9	76.8		690.6	157.6	848.2
1961-62—July ..	1.2	241.5	6.3	41.1	132.7	103.9	232.5	76.3		685.3	158.8	844.1
Aug. ..	1.2	242.5	6.3	41.1	132.9	103.7	232.6	76.3		686.7	158.6	845.3
Sept. ..	1.2	245.3	6.3	40.8	133.3	103.3	232.9	76.7		690.2	158.3	848.5
Oct. ..	1.2	250.3	6.2	40.8	134.9	103.5	233.2	76.7		697.1	158.3	855.4
Nov. ..	1.2	253.4	6.2	40.8	141.2	103.6	233.3	76.7		706.8	158.3	865.1
Dec. ..	1.2	252.8	6.2	40.9	142.1	103.5	231.0	78.0		707.3	157.0	864.3
Jan. ..	1.2	255.9	6.2	41.1	135.6	104.6	231.5	77.5		704.7	157.8	862.5
Feb. ..	1.2	261.9	6.3	41.1	134.9	105.7	237.1	77.1		711.9	162.2	874.1
Mar. ..	1.2	265.0	6.3	41.3	136.3	105.6	239.1	76.9		717.1	163.4	880.5
April ..	1.2	259.8	6.3	41.1	136.0	104.8	239.9	77.7		711.3	164.3	875.6
May ..	1.2	262.6	6.3	40.9	137.3	104.7	240.5	77.0		715.2	164.1	879.3
June ..	1.2	263.5	6.4	40.8	137.5	104.6	241.8	76.5		716.5	164.6	881.1
1962-63—July ..	1.2	263.3	6.4	40.5	136.5	104.3	243.4	76.1		715.2	165.3	880.5

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WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)—continued.

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Month.	Civilian Employees in Main Industrial Groups.								Total Civilian Employees.		
	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (b)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Wholesale Trade, etc.; Finance, Property.	Public Authority (n.e.i.); Community Services, etc.(c)	Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service.	Private Employers.	Government Authorities. (d)	Total.
PERSONS.											
1953—June ..	58.9	913.0	197.5	331.3	234.9	262.5	368.6	144.3	1,924.5	679.8	2,604.3
1954—June ..	59.7	970.0	210.4	336.6	243.7	275.3	374.1	146.0	2,014.1	695.9	2,710.0
1955—June ..	59.4	1,002.0	216.7	347.1	251.0	290.2	387.0	151.2	2,079.7	721.9	2,801.6
1956—June ..	58.5	1,020.5	219.7	350.5	253.0	300.8	401.5	152.1	2,120.9	734.7	2,855.6
1957—June ..	57.5	1,023.1	212.7	353.1	251.2	304.3	413.0	152.9	2,123.3	742.3	2,865.6
1958—June ..	52.7	1,035.1	207.9	351.7	258.3	308.6	424.5	152.0	2,132.0	758.4	2,890.4
1959—June ..	50.2	1,054.5	210.8	352.9	260.1	316.8	443.1	151.0	2,162.8	777.8	2,940.6
1960—June ..	50.4	1,111.3	212.6	352.9	270.4	332.6	460.6	153.6	2,263.8	783.5	3,047.3
1961—June ..	49.8	1,055.4	211.6	357.9	268.8	340.0	480.9	152.3	2,213.4	807.5	3,020.9
1962—June ..	47.9	1,099.6	211.8	349.8	276.0	341.7	502.5	152.5	2,261.2	826.8	3,088.0
1959-60—June ..	50.4	1,111.3	212.6	352.9	270.4	332.6	460.6	153.6	2,263.8	783.5	3,047.3
1960-61—July ..	50.6	1,114.9	212.7	352.8	270.9	331.5	461.1	153.4	2,268.7	782.4	3,051.1
Aug. ..	50.6	1,118.8	212.4	352.1	271.9	333.0	462.1	154.0	2,276.9	781.0	3,057.9
Sept. ..	50.4	1,123.3	211.9	351.3	273.6	334.4	462.3	154.9	2,285.4	779.6	3,065.0
Oct. ..	50.5	1,124.8	212.6	352.1	276.0	336.1	463.2	155.1	2,293.9	779.5	3,073.4
Nov. ..	50.3	1,125.5	214.6	351.6	284.4	339.0	464.2	155.9	2,307.5	781.0	3,088.5
Dec. ..	50.3	1,114.4	212.6	353.4	289.0	340.8	463.6	157.5	2,302.5	782.1	3,084.6
Jan. ..	49.4	1,111.4	213.9	355.4	279.6	343.8	465.4	156.1	2,292.8	786.2	3,079.0
Feb. ..	50.0	1,107.5	215.0	356.2	276.4	345.5	472.9	155.4	2,289.7	793.4	3,083.1
Mar. ..	50.2	1,093.4	212.9	357.7	274.0	345.1	474.8	155.4	2,270.6	797.3	3,067.9
April ..	49.8	1,080.0	212.2	358.5	271.3	343.5	476.8	154.5	2,250.0	800.8	3,050.8
May ..	50.0	1,068.2	213.0	358.1	271.0	341.6	478.8	153.6	2,233.4	805.1	3,038.5
June ..	49.8	1,055.4	211.6	357.9	268.8	340.0	480.9	152.3	2,213.4	807.5	3,020.9
1961-62—July ..	49.7	1,048.0	209.5	356.6	268.0	338.0	483.2	151.4	2,200.0	808.8	3,008.8
Aug. ..	49.5	1,046.7	208.2	355.4	268.0	338.4	483.9	152.0	2,197.3	809.2	3,006.5
Sept. ..	47.0	1,045.8	206.9	354.4	269.1	339.2	484.4	152.9	2,196.1	807.8	3,003.9
Oct. ..	46.0	1,063.4	204.9	352.7	271.4	339.9	485.4	152.5	2,212.9	807.6	3,020.5
Nov. ..	48.5	1,069.5	203.6	352.4	280.6	341.7	485.9	152.9	2,231.5	808.1	3,039.6
Dec. ..	48.5	1,065.3	201.7	351.9	284.0	341.1	484.2	155.6	2,230.3	806.3	3,036.6
Jan. ..	48.5	1,074.2	201.6	351.5	273.9	342.5	486.4	154.6	2,229.6	809.0	3,038.6
Feb. ..	48.4	1,087.1	205.2	352.9	272.7	344.4	494.2	153.9	2,245.4	819.3	3,064.7
Mar. ..	48.2	1,093.4	209.2	353.6	274.5	344.7	497.7	153.6	2,255.7	824.9	3,080.6
April ..	48.0	1,086.5	208.1	350.6	273.7	342.6	499.5	154.7	2,242.4	827.1	3,069.5
May ..	48.0	1,096.3	211.5	351.3	275.7	342.3	500.5	153.4	2,257.6	827.3	3,084.9
June ..	47.9	1,099.6	211.8	349.8	276.0	341.7	502.5	152.5	2,261.2	826.8	3,088.0
1962-63—July ..	47.9	1,100.6	209.7	350.1	274.5	340.1	504.1	152.0	2,259.1	826.2	3,085.3

(a) Excludes rural, female private domestics, permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas and, from June, 1953 to June, 1959, National Service trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is obtained from annual Factory Censuses, returns of Government employment, Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections. (b) Factory employment figures for periods to June, 1961 represent actual employment as recorded at successive annual Censuses of Factories. From July, 1961 the figures are interim estimates derived from Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections and are based on June, 1961. These interim estimates are subject to revision when Factory Censuses for 1961-62 and ensuing years are tabulated. (c) Includes Law and Order, Religion and Social Welfare, Health Services, Education and other Community and Business Services. (d) Includes all employees of Government authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Government) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post offices, air transport, education, broadcasting, television, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT. (a)

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Month.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
MALES.									
1959—June ..	819.0	603.4	287.8	192.0	140.0	67.6	5.9	11.9	2,127.6
1960—June ..	846.8	623.4	290.4	196.6	141.7	69.4	6.3	13.1	2,187.7
1960-61— June ..	841.6	619.4	284.8	195.7	142.2	69.1	6.4	13.5	2,172.7
1961-62— July ..	838.4	615.1	285.3	194.8	142.0	69.0	6.5	13.6	2,164.7
August ..	836.0	615.1	283.5	194.7	142.9	68.9	6.4	13.7	2,161.2
September	839.2	612.7	280.2	190.7	143.6	68.6	6.5	13.9	2,155.4
October ..	842.2	617.3	278.6	195.1	143.0	68.5	6.5	13.9	2,165.1
November	845.7	619.7	279.6	196.3	143.9	68.8	6.5	14.0	2,174.5
December	846.9	620.5	275.0	196.0	143.5	69.6	6.5	14.3	2,172.3
January ..	848.1	621.6	275.0	196.8	144.3	69.5	6.5	14.3	2,176.1
February	853.5	625.5	278.6	197.2	145.0	69.6	6.5	14.7	2,190.6
March ..	856.6	626.1	281.8	198.3	146.3	69.8	6.3	14.9	2,200.1
April ..	855.1	622.7	281.4	197.8	145.6	69.8	6.5	15.0	2,193.9
May ..	858.0	625.5	285.5	198.6	146.4	70.0	6.6	15.0	2,205.6
June ..	858.0	624.5	287.5	199.2	146.5	69.5	6.6	15.1	2,206.9
1962-63— July ..	856.4	623.3	288.0	199.4	146.5	69.4	6.8	15.0	2,204.8
FEMALES.									
1959—June ..	320.4	252.8	97.9	65.9	47.0	23.3	1.4	4.3	813.0
1960—June ..	340.1	268.1	101.8	69.8	49.2	24.2	1.6	4.8	859.6
1960-61— June ..	335.5	261.5	100.4	69.4	49.9	24.3	1.8	5.4	848.2
1961-62— July ..	334.0	259.4	100.6	69.3	49.9	23.9	1.7	5.3	844.1
August ..	334.7	259.8	101.0	69.1	49.9	23.7	1.7	5.4	845.3
September	336.8	261.0	101.0	69.0	50.1	23.4	1.8	5.4	848.5
October ..	340.5	263.0	100.8	70.1	50.4	23.4	1.7	5.5	855.4
November	344.5	266.9	100.8	70.9	51.0	23.7	1.8	5.5	865.1
December	344.6	266.2	100.6	70.8	50.7	24.2	1.7	5.5	864.3
January ..	341.9	267.2	100.1	71.7	50.5	23.8	1.7	5.6	862.5
February	344.6	273.0	101.8	72.1	51.0	24.3	1.7	5.6	874.1
March ..	346.8	274.0	102.5	72.9	52.1	24.7	1.7	5.8	880.5
April ..	347.1	270.5	101.6	72.0	52.0	24.8	1.8	5.8	875.6
May ..	348.3	272.3	102.2	72.1	52.1	24.6	1.8	5.9	879.3
June ..	348.5	272.4	103.0	72.9	51.9	24.7	1.8	5.9	881.1
1962-63— July ..	348.2	273.3	102.8	72.5	51.9	24.0	1.9	5.9	880.5
PERSONS.									
1959—June ..	1,139.4	856.2	385.7	257.9	187.0	90.9	7.3	16.2	2,940.6
1960—June ..	1,186.9	891.5	392.2	266.4	190.9	93.6	7.9	17.9	3,047.3
1960-61— June ..	1,177.1	880.9	385.2	265.1	192.1	93.4	8.2	18.9	3,020.9
1961-62— July ..	1,172.4	874.5	385.9	264.1	191.9	92.9	8.2	18.9	3,008.8
August ..	1,170.7	874.9	384.5	263.8	192.8	92.6	8.1	19.1	3,006.5
September	1,176.0	873.7	381.2	259.7	193.7	92.0	8.3	19.3	3,003.9
October ..	1,182.7	880.3	379.4	265.2	193.4	91.9	8.2	19.4	3,020.5
November	1,190.2	886.6	380.4	267.2	194.9	92.5	8.3	19.5	3,039.6
December	1,191.5	886.7	375.6	266.8	194.2	93.8	8.2	19.8	3,036.6
January ..	1,190.0	888.8	375.1	268.5	194.8	93.3	8.2	19.9	3,038.6
February	1,198.1	898.5	380.4	269.3	196.0	93.9	8.2	20.3	3,064.7
March ..	1,203.4	900.1	384.3	271.2	198.4	94.5	8.0	20.7	3,080.6
April ..	1,202.2	893.2	383.0	269.8	197.6	94.6	8.3	20.8	3,069.5
May ..	1,206.3	897.8	387.7	270.7	198.5	94.6	8.4	20.9	3,084.9
June ..	1,206.5	896.9	390.5	272.1	198.4	94.2	8.4	21.0	3,088.0
1962-63— July ..	1,204.6	896.6	390.8	271.9	198.4	93.4	8.7	20.9	3,085.3

(a) Excludes rural, female private domestics, permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas and, for June, 1959, National Service trainees in camp. See notes on page 7.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.(a)

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Month.		New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.		
								Males.	Females.	Persons.
1937—June	..	205.8	184.5	48.0	41.8	21.3	11.9	373.3	140.0	513.3
1938—June	..	219.6	193.8	50.6	41.5	22.1	12.5	391.6	148.5	540.1
1939—June	..	219.6	192.4	52.0	40.6	21.8	13.2	391.0	148.6	539.6
1956—June	..	418.0	341.1	98.4	89.4	46.5	27.1	778.0	242.5	1,020.5
1957—June	..	422.5	340.1	99.9	88.4	45.8	26.4	780.2	242.9	1,023.1
1958—June	..	431.5	342.8	99.4	88.9	45.2	27.3	791.1	244.0	1,035.1
1959—June	..	436.9	351.7	100.9	92.2	45.3	27.5	805.6	248.9	1,054.5
1960—June	..	461.6	374.2	102.5	97.1	46.8	29.1	840.9	270.4	1,111.3
1961—June	..	437.4	351.9	99.4	91.3	46.6	28.8	810.3	245.1	1,055.4
1962—June	..	453.6	370.1	100.5	97.1	48.8	29.5	836.1	263.5	1,099.6
1959-60—June	..	461.6	374.2	102.5	97.1	46.8	29.1	840.9	270.4	1,111.3
1960-61—July	..	461.9	375.5	104.0	97.1	47.3	29.1	844.6	270.3	1,114.9
Aug.	..	463.6	377.6	103.7	97.5	47.6	28.8	846.3	272.5	1,118.8
Sept.	..	466.3	379.1	103.1	98.1	48.1	28.6	848.6	274.7	1,123.3
Oct.	..	466.9	380.9	101.9	98.5	48.0	28.6	849.2	275.6	1,124.8
Nov.	..	468.0	382.2	99.8	98.4	48.3	28.8	849.3	276.2	1,125.5
Dec.	..	463.9	379.8	95.2	97.9	48.1	29.5	843.0	271.4	1,114.4
Jan.	..	460.4	378.6	96.0	98.8	47.9	29.7	844.0	267.4	1,111.4
Feb.	..	458.2	378.6	97.1	96.3	47.7	29.6	838.5	269.0	1,107.5
Mar.	..	452.5	372.9	96.2	94.7	47.8	29.3	829.8	263.6	1,093.4
Apr.	..	446.3	366.9	96.1	93.7	47.8	29.2	823.5	256.5	1,080.0
May	..	441.4	359.0	98.7	92.8	47.4	28.9	818.1	250.1	1,068.2
June	..	437.4	351.9	99.4	91.3	46.6	28.8	810.3	245.1	1,055.4
1961-62—July	..	433.5	348.3	100.9	90.5	46.4	28.4	806.5	241.5	1,048.0
Aug.	..	432.6	349.0	99.8	90.3	47.0	28.0	804.2	242.5	1,046.7
Sept.	..	436.6	348.5	99.0	86.5	47.5	27.7	800.5	245.3	1,045.8
Oct.	..	441.7	357.0	97.9	91.4	47.6	27.8	813.1	250.3	1,063.4
Nov.	..	443.3	360.8	96.6	92.6	47.9	28.3	816.1	253.4	1,069.5
Dec.	..	442.3	360.5	92.4	93.1	47.9	29.1	812.5	252.8	1,065.3
Jan.	..	443.9	364.6	93.2	95.0	48.3	29.2	818.3	255.9	1,074.2
Feb.	..	448.2	369.4	95.9	95.8	48.7	29.1	825.2	261.9	1,087.1
Mar.	..	450.4	371.0	96.7	96.8	49.0	29.5	828.4	265.0	1,093.4
April	..	449.7	366.7	96.0	95.9	48.6	29.6	826.7	259.8	1,086.5
May	..	452.5	370.2	98.5	96.6	48.9	29.6	833.7	262.6	1,096.3
June	..	453.6	370.1	100.5	97.1	48.8	29.5	836.1	263.5	1,099.6
1962-63—July	..	453.2	371.1	101.2	97.2	48.9	29.0	837.3	263.3	1,100.6

(a) From June, 1956 to June, 1959, excludes National Service trainees in camp. Factory employment figures for periods to June, 1961 represent actual employment as recorded at successive annual Censuses of Factories. From July, 1961, the figures are interim estimates derived from Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections and are based on June, 1961. These interim estimates are subject to revision when Factory Censuses for 1961-62 and ensuing years are tabulated.

UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS.(a)

NUMBERS OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT.

Period.	Unemployment.									Sickness.	Special.		
											Australia	Australia	Migrant.b
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas-mania.	Australia.(c)(d)						
							Males.	Females.	Persons.				
Monthly Average—													
1952-53 ..	c17,590	6,168	4,281	(d) 842	841	262	25,526	4,458	29,984	7,140	1,408	(e) 415	
1953-54 ..	c 6,495	2,698	3,169	(d) 252	406	212	10,680	2,552	13,232	7,994	1,868	426	
1954-55 ..	1,440	538	1,408	66	153	81	2,623	1,067	3,690	7,984	1,983	484	
1955-56 ..	1,362	479	1,511	83	515	57	3,066	948	4,014	7,303	1,973	464	
1956-57 ..	4,151	3,349	2,343	702	1,972	134	10,355	2,311	12,666	6,992	2,012	823	
1957-58 ..	8,706	5,127	5,588	1,566	2,360	512	18,978	4,922	23,900	7,314	2,107	611	
1958-59 ..	11,588	5,743	4,883	1,603	2,838	611	20,204	7,107	27,311	8,241	2,147	463	
1959-60 ..	7,718	4,267	4,442	1,227	2,460	561	14,713	5,993	20,706	8,722	2,290	344	
1960-61 ..	7,332	4,884	6,263	1,732	2,200	576	17,243	5,795	23,038	8,505	2,397	437	
1961-62 ..	18,932	14,782	10,261	3,748	2,908	1,522	39,694	12,570	52,264	9,379	2,334	475	
Last Saturday of Month—													
1960-61—													
July ..	5,175	3,531	1,843	1,413	2,322	587	10,078	4,819	14,897	8,898	2,311	97	
August ..	4,461	3,052	2,059	1,177	1,977	590	8,947	4,384	13,331	9,134	2,300	127	
September ..	3,837	2,584	2,140	1,033	1,573	596	7,924	3,859	11,783	8,974	2,262	61	
October ..	3,177	2,009	2,468	809	1,425	452	6,840	3,524	10,364	8,987	2,365	249	
November ..	3,073	1,797	3,393	730	1,273	367	7,236	3,424	10,660	8,877	2,451	66	
December ..	4,659	2,116	7,751	875	1,890	319	13,647	3,986	17,633	8,216	2,447	193	
January ..	5,166	2,169	8,510	942	2,147	291	14,985	4,272	19,257	7,758	2,436	433	
February ..	5,375	2,341	9,045	1,494	2,328	323	15,854	5,087	20,941	8,166	2,463	95	
March ..	6 809	4,192	9,603	2,068	2,536	366	19,558	6,088	25,646	8,154	2,485	334	
April ..	11,539	7,537	9,528	2,933	2,717	689	26,609	8,416	35,025	8,111	2,498	1,104	
May ..	15,131	11,190	9,187	3,267	2,793	998	32,763	9,904	42,667	8,251	2,385	1,363	
June ..	19,574	16,089	9,632	4,042	3,417	1,336	42,479	11,775	54,254	8,536	2,356	1,116	
1961-62—													
July ..	23,198	19,798	7,781	4,948	3,762	1,814	48,057	13,442	61,499	9,016	2,279	1,677	
August ..	23,988	20,302	7,312	4,848	3,473	2,023	48,890	13,176	62,066	9,278	2,263	1,383	
September ..	21,027	19,380	7,637	6,273	2,963	2,182	47,603	11,958	59,561	9,067	2,295	953	
October ..	17,619	14,738	7,951	3,623	2,843	1,673	37,675	10,856	48,531	9,369	2,289	449	
November ..	16,324	13,130	8,754	3,278	2,376	1,575	34,993	10,552	45,545	9,299	2,265	233	
December ..	20,311	13,356	14,654	3,695	3,187	1,398	45,024	11,732	56,756	8,829	2,375	208	
January ..	19,836	13,680	15,262	3,587	3,197	1,385	44,976	12,129	57,105	8,859	2,394	251	
February ..	17,917	11,416	13,793	2,844	2,811	1,225	37,556	12,556	50,112	9,288	2,383	74	
March ..	16,528	11,062	12,142	2,599	2,544	913	33,075	12,795	45,870	9,769	2,432	159	
April ..	17,558	13,325	11,286	3,157	2,646	1,093	34,804	14,332	49,136	9,654	2,346	143	
May ..	15,910	12,868	9,126	3,072	2,428	1,199	31,278	13,390	44,668	9,844	2,297	53	
June ..	16,967	14,338	7,432	3,057	2,667	1,778	32,401	13,923	46,324	10,270	2,391	118	
1962-63—													
July ..	17,243	13,931	6,605	2,876	2,789	1,937	31,834	13,619	45,453	10,494	2,372	62	
August ..	16,690	12,790	5,925	2,648	2,511	2,018	30,028	12,619	42,647	10,579	2,387	165	

(a) As furnished by the Department of Social Services.
Capital Territory.

(d) Includes Northern Territory.

(b) In reception and training centres.

(e) Eight months only.

(c) Includes Australian

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA(a): COMMODITY GROUPS.

(Figures from 1952-53 inclusive are on a basis comparable with the 1956-57 Retail Census.)

The figures in the table below relate to retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, repairs, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) by establishments which normally sell goods by retail to the general public from shops, rooms, kiosks and yards. Hotels, garages and service stations are also included in respect of goods sold, but establishments such as clubs and guest houses are entirely excluded. Figures for the years 1952-53 and 1956-57 are derived from censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas other figures are estimates made by means of sample surveys.

(£ million.)

Period.	Groceries. (b)	Butchers' Meat.	Other Food. (c)	Beer, Wine and Spirits.	Clothing and Drapery.	Footwear.	Hardware. (d)	Electrical Goods. (e)	Furniture.	Chemists' Goods.	News-papers, Books and Stationery.	Other Goods. (f)	Total (Excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.).	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.(g)
Quarterly Average—														
1953-54 ..	68.7	33.5	55.9	46.7	96.9		30.7	22.8	20.2		84.1		459.5	123.5
1954-55 ..	75.5	36.7	61.6	51.1	104.8		33.9	24.8	21.6		92.1		502.1	142.9
1955-56 ..	82.2	39.7	67.3	55.5	108.3		36.0	26.1	23.0		99.6		537.7	153.3
1956-57 ..	86.0	42.5	70.7	59.4	95.2 | 14.8		36.1	28.3	23.1	19.2 | 17.3 | 69.4			562.0	157.9
1957-58 ..	89.6	42.7	73.6	62.0	112.8		36.3	34.4	24.4	109.7			585.5	171.2
1958-59 ..	94.3	44.7	78.5	61.3	101.2 | 16.2		39.4	39.9	25.0	23.8 | 18.7 | 70.4			613.4	186.2
1959-60 ..	101.0	48.4	85.9	64.9	111.0 | 18.2		42.3	48.8	29.2	26.3 | 20.3 | 76.5			672.8	223.7
1960-61 p ..	108.6	52.8	90.8	66.2	115.9 | 19.2		43.2	46.8	29.8	29.3 | 21.3 | 81.6			705.5	223.9
1961-62 p ..	112.6	52.8	94.4	66.5	116.2 | 19.3		43.2	46.2	29.3	31.6 | 22.4 | 80.6			715.1	219.5
Quarterly Total—														
1959-60—														
Sept. Qtr...	97.3	47.8	80.3	59.0	101.8	16.7	39.6	44.1	27.8	24.5	18.5	70.1	627.5	204.8
Dec. „ ..	105.3	47.5	90.5	70.7	127.5	20.7	48.0	54.5	32.8	28.4	22.9	86.4	735.2	236.6
Mar. „ ..	99.5	47.6	87.3	68.1	94.0	15.7	40.3	47.6	26.9	25.6	20.6	72.5	645.7	220.2
June „ ..	101.8	50.6	85.5	61.7	120.9	19.5	41.2	48.9	29.5	26.9	19.3	77.1	682.9	233.3
1960-61—														
Sept. „ ..	105.3	53.1	87.5	61.2	110.3	18.5	42.6	48.0	31.9	27.8	20.1	78.9	685.2	249.5
Dec. „ ..	114.6	53.0	96.0	73.5	135.4	22.1	49.9	53.4	34.9	32.2	24.4	94.9	784.3	248.6
Mar. „ ..	106.1	51.2	92.3	69.1	96.1	16.5	40.4	43.7	26.0	28.2	21.0	76.1	666.7	196.4
June „ p	108.2	53.7	87.3	61.0	121.9	19.8	39.9	42.0	26.5	29.2	19.8	76.3	685.6	201.1
1961-62 p—														
Sept. „ ..	112.5	53.5	90.7	60.9	108.1	18.5	41.0	42.2	28.9	30.0	20.7	77.3	684.3	202.1
Dec., „ ..	118.7	52.8	98.6	73.0	133.0	21.5	48.3	51.7	33.7	34.5	25.5	92.0	783.3	222.5
Mar. „ ..	106.9	52.1	95.4	68.8	97.9	16.5	41.4	44.6	26.2	30.3	22.4	74.3	676.8	219.4
June „ ..	112.2	52.8	93.1	63.2	125.7	20.7	42.1	46.5	28.6	31.6	20.8	78.8	716.1	234.0
Monthly Total—														
1962 p—													(h)	
Mar. „ ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	231.7	..
April „ ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	228.1	..
May „ ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	253.6	..
June „ ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	234.4	..
July „ ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	234.1	..
August „ ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	234.2	..

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes bacon, butter, etc. (c) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (d) Excludes basic building materials (e.g., timber, building sheets, tiles, joinery, cement). (e) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc. (f) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, etc. (g) Includes tractors, new and used motor vehicles, etc., but excludes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, etc. (h) For earlier monthly figures see page 2.

NOTE.—Figures from June quarter, 1961, are subject to revision when more precise information is available relating to trading by new businesses.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

INSTALMENT CREDIT FOR RETAIL SALES.

The following statistics cover all types of schemes which relate primarily to the financing of retail sales of goods and in which repayment is made by regular predetermined instalments. Types of schemes covered include Hire Purchase, Time Payment, Budget Account, and Personal Loans relating primarily to financing of retail sales of goods.

AMOUNT FINANCED, BY COMMODITY GROUPS, AND BALANCES OUTSTANDING: AUSTRALIA.

(RETAIL BUSINESSES PLUS NON-RETAIL FINANCE BUSINESSES.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Amount Financed during Period (excluding Hiring Charges, Interest and Insurance).				Balances Outstanding at End of Period. (Including Hiring Charges, etc.)
	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.	Plant and Machinery.	Household and Personal Goods.	Total. (All Goods.)	
HIRE PURCHASE.					
Quarterly Average—					
1956-57	35,700	2,856	18,741	57,297	282,310
1958-59(a)	46,303	4,122	28,717	79,142	424,085
1959-60	55,891	4,986	30,989	91,866	508,216
1960-61	47,798	5,674	25,310	78,782	507,317
Quarterly Total—					
1959-60—					
December Quarter	61,878	6,044	34,290	102,212	479,887
March "	53,797	4,833	30,423	89,053	493,733
June "	55,944	5,038	29,758	90,740	508,216
1960-61—					
September "	59,584	5,496	29,150	94,230	524,064
December "	58,665	7,916	29,157	95,738	550,179
March "	36,596	4,543	23,238	64,377	528,811
June "	36,349	4,741	19,693	60,783	507,317
1961-62—					
September "	36,855	4,487	19,916	61,258	489,873
December "	43,306	6,714	23,204	73,224	485,956
OTHER INSTALMENT CREDIT.					
Quarterly Average—					
1956-57	64	35	9,076	9,175	22,607
1958-59(a)	688	168	14,215	15,071	47,141
1959-60	2,360	119	17,749	20,228	68,311
1960-61	2,037	94	21,369	23,500	90,911
Quarterly Total—					
1959-60—					
December Quarter	3,016	128	21,777	24,921	60,960
March "	2,777	101	14,597	17,475	63,252
June "	1,381	151	18,758	20,290	68,311
1960-61—					
September "	2,405	88	20,769	23,262	77,427
December "	2,994	147	28,018	31,159	90,097
March "	1,240	58	16,586	17,884	88,590
June "	1,510	82	20,102	21,694	90,911
1961-62—					
September "	1,936	130	20,435	22,501	91,152
December "	2,472	120	27,954	30,546	101,129

(a) Figures for the year ended 30th June, 1958 are not available.

INSTALMENT CREDIT FOR RETAIL SALES—continued.

AMOUNT FINANCED, BY COMMODITY GROUPS, AND BALANCES OUTSTANDING:
AUSTRALIA—continued.

(RETAIL BUSINESSES PLUS NON-RETAIL FINANCE BUSINESSES.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Amount Financed during Period (excluding Hiring Charges, Interest and Insurance).				Balances Outstanding at End of Period (including Hiring Charges, etc.).
	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.	Plant and Machinery.	Household and Personal Goods.	Total. (All Goods.)	
TOTAL INSTALMENT CREDIT.					
Quarterly Average—					
1956-57	35,765	2,890	27,817	66,472	304,917
1958-59(a)	46,990	4,290	42,932	94,212	471,226
1959-60	58,252	5,104	48,738	112,094	576,527
1960-61	49,836	5,768	46,678	102,282	598,228
Quarterly Total—					
1959-60—					
December Quarter	64,894	6,172	56,067	127,133	540,847
March	56,574	4,934	45,020	106,528	556,985
June	57,325	5,189	48,516	111,030	576,527
1960-61—					
September	61,989	5,584	49,919	117,492	601,491
December	61,659	8,063	57,175	126,897	640,276
March	37,836	4,601	39,824	82,261	617,401
June	37,859	4,823	39,795	82,477	598,228
1961-62—					
September	38,791	4,617	40,351	83,759	581,025
December	45,778	6,834	51,158	103,770	587,085

(a) Figures for the year ended 30th June, 1958 are not available.

BALANCES OUTSTANDING (INCLUDING INTEREST, HIRING CHARGES AND INSURANCE): STATES.

(RETAIL BUSINESSES PLUS NON-RETAIL FINANCE BUSINESSES.)

(£'000.)

At—	New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
HIRER PURCHASE.							
30th September, 1960 ..	203,956	145,684	70,101	53,917	36,963	13,443	524,064
31st December, 1960 ..	213,619	150,550	74,178	57,242	40,264	14,326	550,179
31st March, 1961 ..	206,370	144,717	70,643	54,680	38,344	14,057	528,811
30th June, 1961 ..	200,227	136,602	68,058	50,838	38,050	13,542	507,317
30th September, 1961 ..	195,039	130,405	66,370	47,330	37,459	13,270	489,873
31st December, 1961 ..	194,006	128,697	65,491	45,757	38,598	13,407	485,956
OTHER INSTALMENT CREDIT.							
30th September, 1960 ..	31,842	22,002	8,022	7,468	4,957	3,136	77,427
31st December, 1960 ..	37,027	25,588	8,963	8,891	5,946	3,682	90,097
31st March, 1961 ..	36,515	24,941	8,713	9,180	5,585	3,656	88,590
30th June, 1961 ..	36,872	25,746	8,850	9,749	5,982	3,712	90,911
30th September, 1961 ..	37,708	24,277	9,086	9,929	6,358	3,794	91,152
31st December, 1961 ..	41,699	27,073	10,126	11,117	7,006	4,108	101,129
TOTAL INSTALMENT CREDIT.							
30th September, 1960 ..	235,798	167,686	78,123	61,385	41,920	16,579	601,491
31st December, 1960 ..	250,646	176,138	83,141	66,133	46,210	18,008	640,276
31st March, 1961 ..	242,885	169,658	79,356	63,860	43,929	17,713	617,401
30th June, 1961 ..	237,099	162,348	76,908	60,587	44,032	17,254	598,228
30th September, 1961 ..	232,747	154,682	75,456	57,259	43,817	17,064	581,025
31st December, 1961 ..	235,705	155,770	75,617	56,874	45,604	17,515	587,085

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

INSTALMENT CREDIT FOR RETAIL SALES—*continued.*

AMOUNT FINANCED, BY COMMODITY GROUPS, COLLECTIONS AND BALANCES
OUTSTANDING: AUSTRALIA.

(NON-RETAIL FINANCE BUSINESSES.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Amount Financed during Period.(a)				Collections during Period.(b)	Balances Outstanding at End of Period.(b)	
	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.		Plant and Machinery.	Household and Personal Goods.			Total. (All Goods.)
	New.	Used.					
Monthly Average—							
1955–56	10,113		772	2,948	13,833	(c) 201,612	
1956–57	11,125		825	2,880	14,830	(c) 221,762	
1957–58	12,969		897	4,783	18,649	(c) 280,670	
1958–59	14,662		1,229	5,092	20,983	(c) 336,525	
1959–60	18,053		1,463	5,360	24,876	26,346 403,332	
1960–61	15,487		1,676	4,265	21,428	28,273 397,335	
Monthly Total—							
1960–61—							
July	18,070		1,601	5,078	24,749	27,318 408,146	
August	19,991		1,532	5,227	26,750	30,632 412,382	
September	19,647		1,642	4,803	26,092	28,643 418,304	
October	19,962		2,441	4,823	27,226	28,225 424,880	
November	21,969		2,746	5,102	29,817	29,209 434,639	
December	15,493		1,966	4,966	22,425	26,056 438,086	
January	11,939		1,355	4,327	17,621	26,689 434,155	
February	10,325		1,163	3,616	15,104	28,127 425,242	
March	13,076		1,482	3,579	18,137	30,071 416,723	
April	11,754		1,400	3,038	16,192	27,235 410,744	
May	12,567		1,496	3,450	17,513	29,377 404,727	
June	11,051		1,294	3,168	15,513	27,688 397,335	
1961–62—							
July	5,472	5,484	1,243	2,788	14,987	26,662 390,321	
August	6,516	6,107	1,362	3,104	17,089	27,270 385,368	
September	6,423	6,037	1,403	3,021	16,884	25,333 382,085	
October	7,633	6,762	2,122	3,592	20,109	27,417 379,668	
November	7,885	7,046	2,457	3,644	21,032	27,193 379,453	
December	7,256	6,622	1,509	3,703	19,090	24,366 379,307	
January p	13,827		1,300	3,411	18,538	27,492 376,319	
February p	13,522		1,371	2,935	17,828	27,825 371,837	
March p	15,968		1,586	3,260	20,814	29,526 (d) 369,347	

(a) Excludes hiring charges, interest and insurance. (b) Includes hiring charges, interest and insurance. (c) Not available. (d) Provisional estimate 30th April, £m.369.0; 31st May, £m.369.0; 30th June, £m.371.0; 31st July, £m.375.0; 31st August, £m.376.0.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustment to be made to the crude figures on this account.

(£ million.)

Period.								Net Sales Recorded.		
								Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total.
Monthly Average—										
1936-37	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15.4	21.8	37.2
1937-38	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16.9	23.6	40.5
1938-39	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16.4	23.4	39.8
1955-56	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	66.5	154.8	221.3
1956-57	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	65.1	168.1	233.2
1957-58	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	70.8	175.5	246.3
1958-59	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	74.2	179.3	253.5
1959-60	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	85.0	196.2	281.2
1960-61	86.7	203.9	290.6
1961-62	87.5	201.8	289.3
Taxable Net Sales at each Rate of Tax.										
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(a) Preliminary and partly estimated

NOTE —During 1960-61 taxable sales at the rate of 40 per cent. amounted to £31.4 million.

For meaning of symbols r, .., see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.		Producers' Materials for use in—										Fuels and Lubricants.(d)		Auxiliary Aids to Production.(e)		Munitions and War Stores.	
		Building and Construction.		Rural Industries.		Manufacturing.				Total.(c)							
						Motor Vehicle Assembly.ab		Other.(c)									
Class I. A.		Class I. B.		Class I. c (5).		Class I. c (1-4).		Class I.		Class II.		Class III.		Class VII.			
Monthly Average—			%		%		%		%		%		%		%		
1936-37	..	347	4.0	143	1.7	}	(f)	3,269	38.0	3,759	43.7	621	7.2	415	4.8	31	0.4
1937-38	..	472	4.4	155	1.5			4,094	38.6	4,721	44.5	784	7.4	480	4.5	36	0.3
1938-39	..	385	4.1	171	1.8			3,448	36.5	4,004	42.4	736	7.8	476	5.1	88	0.9
1955-56	..	2,567	3.8	550	0.8	5,672	8.3	25,665	37.7	g34,454	50.6	3,889	5.7	2,357	3.4	1,071	1.6
1956-57	..	2,062	3.5	562	0.9	4,300	7.2	24,723	41.4	31,647	53.0	2,343	3.9	2,191	3.7	745	1.2
1957-58	..	1,928	2.9	738	1.1	4,751	7.2	27,115	41.3	34,532	52.5	2,026	3.1	2,223	3.4	676	1.0
1958-59	..	1,899	2.9	670	1.0	5,177	7.8	26,692	40.3	34,438	52.0	2,268	3.5	2,204	3.3	721	1.1
1959-60	..	2,689	3.5	669	0.9	6,592	8.5	30,580	39.7	40,530	52.6	2,178	2.8	2,425	3.2	1,035	1.3
1960-61	..	3,433	3.8	978	1.1	7,142	7.9	36,899	40.8	48,452	53.6	2,222	2.4	3,212	3.6	651	0.7
1961-62 p	..	2,279	3.1	1,022	1.4	4,062	5.5	28,860	39.3	36,223	49.3	2,140	2.9	2,582	3.5	796	1.1
Monthly Total—																	
1960-61—																	
July	..	3,701	4.2	1,136	1.3	7,334	8.2	38,443	43.2	50,614	56.9	2,029	2.3	2,752	3.1	940	1.0
August	..	5,191	5.0	761	0.7	9,168	8.8	42,224	41.2	57,344	55.7	2,412	2.3	3,689	3.6	1,109	1.1
September	..	4,232	5.0	873	0.9	7,167	8.1	36,992	42.1	49,264	56.1	2,468	2.8	2,545	2.9	668	0.8
October	..	4,472	4.5	1,113	1.1	7,473	7.5	42,317	42.0	55,375	55.1	2,628	2.6	3,877	3.9	426	0.4
November	..	3,919	4.3	1,238	1.4	5,483	6.1	38,287	43.0	48,927	54.8	1,902	2.1	4,257	4.7	371	0.4
December	..	3,506	3.8	617	0.7	7,451	8.1	35,509	38.8	47,083	51.4	1,796	2.0	3,840	4.2	550	0.6
January	..	3,257	3.3	834	0.8	8,560	8.6	39,196	39.2	51,847	51.9	3,233	3.3	2,937	3.0	1,234	1.2
February	..	2,888	3.0	914	1.0	8,152	8.6	39,484	41.6	51,438	54.2	1,385	1.5	4,002	4.2	336	0.4
March	..	3,051	3.4	930	1.1	7,871	8.8	34,090	38.1	45,942	51.4	1,775	2.0	3,468	3.9	401	0.4
April	..	2,286	2.6	775	0.9	7,637	8.8	33,959	39.2	44,657	51.5	3,219	3.7	2,637	3.1	349	0.4
May	..	2,444	3.1	1,078	1.4	5,631	7.1	32,129	40.8	41,282	52.4	1,706	2.2	2,607	3.3	653	0.8
June	..	2,254	3.0	1,466	2.0	3,782	5.1	30,153	40.4	37,655	50.5	2,109	2.8	1,929	2.6	779	1.1
1961-62 p—																	
July	..	1,664	2.4	1,197	1.7	3,515	5.0	r26,985	38.7	r33,361	47.8	2,372	3.4	2,865	4.1	522	0.8
August	..	1,969	2.7	925	1.3	4,239	5.8	27,611	37.8	34,744	47.6	1,776	2.4	2,720	3.7	1,414	2.0
September	..	1,827	2.7	1,389	2.1	2,259	3.4	26,244	39.5	31,719	47.7	2,557	3.8	2,400	3.6	922	1.3
October	..	2,084	3.0	1,248	1.8	2,353	3.4	26,317	38.5	32,002	46.7	1,471	2.1	3,431	5.0	1,147	1.7
November	..	2,016	2.9	844	1.2	2,517	3.6	27,318	39.0	32,695	46.7	1,974	2.8	3,247	4.7	478	0.7
December	..	1,955	3.2	832	1.3	2,523	4.1	26,261	42.4	31,571	51.0	918	1.5	1,834	3.0	395	0.6
January	..	2,616	3.2	962	1.1	3,780	4.6	33,277	40.6	40,635	49.5	2,512	3.1	2,791	3.4	988	1.2
February	..	2,150	3.1	921	1.3	3,897	5.6	r27,641	40.0	r34,609	50.0	2,543	3.7	1,861	2.7	644	0.9
March	..	2,786	3.6	850	1.1	5,750	7.4	29,107	37.6	38,493	49.7	2,397	3.1	2,385	3.0	694	0.9
April	..	2,165	3.0	901	1.3	4,633	6.5	r27,183	38.2	r34,882	49.0	1,712	2.4	2,172	3.1	684	1.0
May	..	3,260	3.6	1,073	1.2	6,849	7.5	35,450	39.1	46,632	51.4	3,186	3.5	2,442	2.7	1,053	1.1
June	..	2,862	3.5	1,118	1.4	6,431	7.9	r32,938	40.3	r43,349	53.1	2,270	2.8	2,745	3.4	620	0.8
1962-63 p—																	
July	..	2,920	3.3	936	1.0	7,022	7.9	34,196	38.4	45,074	50.6	2,876	3.2	2,962	3.3	516	0.6
August	..																

(a) Owing to insufficient information it is not possible to treat unassembled tractors and other machinery in a similar manner to motor vehicles and all such machinery is treated as capital equipment whether imported in an assembled or unassembled condition. (b) Includes replacement parts. (c) Excludes a percentage for piece-goods to be sold at retail and paper to be used solely for wrapping which are recorded in Classes VI. E-J and III. respectively. (d) Excludes crude petroleum which is included in Class I. c. (1-4). (e) Includes a percentage for paper used solely for wrapping, see note (c). (f) Included in Class V.B. (g) Prior to July, 1955, excludes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955, have been recorded in Class I. c. (5).

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Capital Equipment.						Finished Consumer Goods.							
	Producers' Equipment.		Transport Equipment.				Food, Beverages and Tobacco.		Clothing and Accessories.		All Other. (a)		Total. (a)	
			Complete Road Vehicles and Assembled Chassis.		Railway Equipment, Vessels and Civil Aircraft.									
	Class IV.		Class V. B.		Class V. A, C, D.		Class VI. A, B, C.		Class VI. D.		Class VI. E-J.		Class VI.	
Monthly Average—		%		%		%		%		%		%		%
1936-37 ..	884	10.3	872	10.1	146	1.7	516	6.0	46	0.5	1,316	15.3	1,878	21.8
1937-38 ..	1,149	10.8	1,161	11.0	205	1.9	531	5.0	68	0.6	1,480	14.0	2,079	19.6
1938-39 ..	1,104	11.7	899	9.5	119	1.3	564	6.0	84	0.9	1,361	14.4	2,009	21.3
1955-56 ..	11,174	16.4	(b) 1,784	2.6	1,841	2.7	2,276	3.3	491	0.7	8,854	13.0	11,621	17.0
1956-57 ..	10,132	16.9	958	1.6	1,616	2.8	2,388	4.0	281	0.5	7,422	12.4	10,091	16.9
1957-58 ..	12,040	18.3	1,047	1.6	1,353	2.1	2,523	3.8	429	0.6	8,923	13.6	11,875	18.0
1958-59 ..	11,613	17.5	951	1.4	2,220	3.4	2,699	4.1	397	0.6	8,695	13.1	11,791	17.8
1959-60 ..	13,830	17.9	1,063	1.4	2,453	3.2	3,058	4.0	465	0.6	10,016	13.0	13,539	17.6
1960-61 ..	16,534	18.3	1,438	1.6	1,715	1.9	3,470	3.8	650	0.7	12,100	13.4	16,220	17.9
1961-62 p ..	14,165	19.3	1,035	1.4	1,575	2.1	3,302	4.5	527	0.7	11,208	15.2	15,037	20.4
Monthly Total—														
1960-61—														
July ..	14,932	16.8	1,404	1.6	1,367	1.5	2,545	2.9	541	0.6	11,828	13.3	14,914	16.8
August ..	17,961	17.3	1,607	1.6	1,574	1.5	3,820	3.7	614	0.6	13,008	12.6	17,442	16.9
September	13,747	15.6	1,192	1.3	2,353	2.7	3,105	3.6	697	0.8	11,824	13.4	15,626	17.8
October ..	16,561	16.7	1,541	1.6	1,816	1.8	3,381	3.4	636	0.6	13,802	13.9	17,819	17.9
November	15,008	16.7	1,531	1.7	1,329	1.5	4,233	4.7	446	0.5	11,554	12.9	16,233	18.1
December	18,075	19.7	2,088	2.3	1,499	1.6	3,296	3.6	567	0.6	12,801	14.0	16,664	18.2
January ..	19,218	19.3	1,724	1.7	2,102	2.1	4,087	4.1	836	0.8	12,557	12.6	17,480	17.5
February	18,164	19.2	1,618	1.7	1,654	1.7	3,214	3.4	1,026	1.1	11,968	12.6	16,208	17.1
March ..	17,778	19.9	1,530	1.7	1,263	1.4	4,045	4.5	961	1.1	12,233	13.7	17,239	19.3
April ..	16,595	19.1	1,101	1.3	2,353	2.7	3,599	4.1	686	0.8	11,543	13.3	15,828	18.2
May ..	15,094	19.1	1,116	1.4	1,697	2.2	3,299	4.2	421	0.5	11,016	13.9	14,736	18.6
June ..	15,282	20.5	809	1.1	1,576	2.1	3,016	4.0	376	0.5	11,045	14.8	14,437	19.3
1961-62 p—														
July ..	13,907	19.9	769	1.1	2,182	3.1	2,842	4.1	582	0.8	10,361	14.9	13,785	19.8
August ..	13,756	18.9	824	1.1	2,481	3.4	3,387	4.6	637	0.9	11,251	15.4	15,275	20.9
September	12,081	18.0	870	1.3	1,006	1.5	3,405	5.1	565	0.8	11,325	16.9	15,295	22.8
October ..	12,514	18.2	921	1.3	1,652	2.4	3,932	5.7	324	0.5	11,264	16.4	15,520	22.6
November	14,092	20.1	970	1.4	2,112	3.0	3,195	4.6	366	0.5	10,867	15.5	14,428	20.6
December	11,454	18.5	639	1.1	1,560	2.5	3,168	5.1	348	0.6	9,986	16.1	13,502	21.8
January ..	15,480	18.9	1,213	1.5	1,820	2.2	3,782	4.6	704	0.8	12,113	14.8	16,599	20.2
February	13,382	19.4	970	1.4	963	1.4	2,758	4.0	629	0.9	10,818	15.6	14,205	20.5
March ..	15,684	20.2	1,758	2.3	1,120	1.4	3,519	4.5	667	0.9	10,887	14.0	15,073	19.4
April ..	13,693	19.2	1,045	1.5	1,643	2.3	3,368	4.7	546	0.8	11,397	16.0	15,311	21.5
May ..	17,810	19.6	1,275	1.4	1,329	1.5	3,544	3.9	461	0.5	13,085	14.4	17,090	18.8
June ..	16,134	19.7	1,167	1.4	1,040	1.3	2,730	3.3	490	0.6	11,150	13.6	14,370	17.5
1962-63 p—														
July ..	17,002	19.1	1,510	1.7	1,763	2.0	3,176	3.6	628	0.7	13,529	15.2	17,333	19.5
August														

(a) Includes a percentage for piece-goods to be sold at retail, see note (c), page 16. (b) Prior to July, 1955, includes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955, have been recorded in Class I. c (5).

For meaning of symbols p, —, see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Producers' Materials. (Class I.)(a)			Finished Consumer Goods. (Class VI.)(b)			Total Imports of Merchandise. (All Classes.)			
	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Total.
Monthly										
Average—										
1936-37	1,024	373	2,362	45	303	1,530	1,069	1,505	6,032	8,606
1937-38	1,241	449	3,031	48	300	1,731	1,289	1,796	7,530	10,615
1938-39	1,100	351	2,553	55	309	1,645	1,155	1,627	6,653	9,435
1955-56	10,095	4,557	19,802	423	1,191	10,007	10,518	10,913	46,760	68,191
1956-57	10,650	4,741	16,256	497	1,450	8,144	11,147	9,623	38,953	59,723
1957-58	11,563	5,501	17,468	600	1,359	9,916	12,163	10,089	43,520	65,772
1958-59	11,628	4,954	17,856	565	1,550	9,676	12,193	9,961	44,052	66,206
1959-60	12,834	6,031	21,674	696	1,537	11,306	13,530	11,131	52,392	77,053
1960-61	13,395	7,377	27,689	785	1,571	13,847	14,180	12,783	63,481	90,444
1961-62 p ..	11,704	5,587	18,970	733	1,508	12,797	12,437	10,494	50,618	73,549
Monthly Total—										
1960-61—										
July	15,461	6,934	28,228	674	1,322	12,874	16,135	11,899	60,918	88,952
August	15,074	9,153	33,524	884	2,076	14,480	15,958	15,567	71,613	103,138
September ..	14,912	7,497	26,844	675	1,659	13,164	15,587	13,203	59,073	87,863
October	12,719	8,808	33,290	663	1,375	15,756	13,382	14,602	72,059	100,043
November ..	13,911	8,383	26,999	893	1,769	13,578	14,804	13,624	61,130	89,558
December ..	11,190	7,516	28,370	549	1,322	14,793	11,739	12,293	67,563	91,595
January	13,932	6,694	31,022	599	1,859	15,022	14,531	13,561	71,683	99,775
February ..	13,566	8,502	29,352	776	1,308	14,124	14,342	12,863	67,600	94,805
March	10,988	7,010	27,913	982	1,672	14,585	11,970	12,140	65,286	89,396
April	12,791	7,213	24,743	849	1,597	13,382	13,640	13,552	59,547	86,739
May	13,172	5,598	22,554	1,039	1,372	12,325	14,211	10,014	54,666	78,891
June	13,026	5,216	19,430	840	1,515	12,082	13,866	10,074	50,636	74,576
1961-62 p—										
July	10,456	4,501	18,386	797	1,430	11,558	11,253	9,467	r49,043	r69,763
August	11,404	4,411	18,890	819	1,865	12,591	12,223	9,360	51,407	72,990
September ..	12,773	4,765	14,468	814	1,655	12,826	13,587	10,100	43,163	66,850
October	11,936	4,599	15,527	841	1,474	13,205	12,777	8,714	47,167	68,658
November ..	10,694	4,751	17,257	583	1,294	12,551	11,277	9,199	49,520	69,996
December ..	10,680	4,733	16,108	544	1,694	11,264	11,224	8,366	42,283	61,873
January	11,633	6,823	22,191	795	1,515	14,289	12,428	12,224	57,386	82,038
February ..	11,361	5,588	17,636	546	1,168	12,491	11,907	10,452	r46,818	r69,177
March	11,725	5,809	21,079	670	1,517	12,886	12,395	11,070	54,139	77,604
April	10,065	5,927	18,912	757	1,333	13,221	10,822	10,230	r50,090	r71,142
May	13,231	8,130	25,353	1,020	1,609	14,461	14,251	14,534	62,032	90,817
June	14,498	7,004	21,838	607	1,537	12,226	15,105	12,216	r54,374	r81,695
1962-63 p—										
July	7,889	12,465	24,720	598	1,774	14,961	8,487	18,687	61,862	r89,036
August										97,498
September ..										87,500

(a) See note (c), page 16. (b) See note (a), page 17. (c) See note (g), page 16.

NOTE.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately transformed"

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Meats.	Butter.	Wheat and Flour.	Fresh Fruits.	Dried Fruits.	Sugar and Sugar Syrups.	Hides and Skins.	Wool.	Lead.	Total Exports of Merchandise.
Monthly Average—										
1936-37	(a)861	734	2,029	165	172	309	609	5,209	402	12,316
1937-38	(a)1,021	898	2,245	171	224	336	516	3,915	409	11,719
1938-39	(a)982	1,074	1,106	169	239	348	342	3,561	356	10,128
1955-56	5,039	2,414	5,513	762	650	2,070	1,740	28,127	2,106	64,236
1956-57	4,250	2,152	6,811	715	549	2,407	2,022	40,310	2,684	81,083
1957-58	4,602	1,303	3,570	1,089	762	2,919	2,116	31,116	1,829	67,525
1958-59	8,100	2,079	4,309	785	1,062	2,687	1,964	25,187	1,580	67,226
1959-60	7,386	2,387	6,402	775	756	2,228	2,648	32,180	1,358	77,163
1960-61	6,022	1,638	10,117	864	758	2,930	2,266	27,871	1,361	77,337
1961-62 p ..	7,472	1,962	13,320	1,121	863	2,825	2,688	31,066	1,585	89,056
Monthly Total—										
1960-61—										
July	8,561	1,264	5,482	322	1,383	694	2,263	25,775	1,266	66,467
August	6,478	764	7,787	173	709	2,663	2,392	14,845	1,694	61,099
September ..	5,987	835	7,268	189	374	6,551	2,462	17,435	1,559	64,473
October	5,461	1,784	6,777	145	649	3,947	2,137	25,581	1,491	68,726
November ..	4,556	2,163	8,060	78	812	3,011	2,125	33,510	1,681	76,772
December ..	5,981	2,683	6,634	70	903	3,275	2,196	34,720	788	77,145
January	4,809	3,471	9,187	39	194	2,463	1,851	33,033	1,062	76,549
February ..	5,860	2,929	11,020	160	64	1,475	2,152	28,675	1,615	79,080
March	6,257	1,592	15,528	851	145	3,033	2,340	32,527	1,501	86,415
April	4,335	720	14,424	2,606	628	2,441	1,850	28,590	1,190	81,359
May	5,998	517	15,563	3,519	1,233	2,441	2,754	28,774	1,079	92,641
June	7,977	929	13,675	2,216	2,003	3,165	2,671	30,982	1,412	97,315
1961-62 p—										
July	r7,077	799	r15,466	445	1,113	2,854	r2,748	r27,939	r1,395	85,870
August	7,939	1,251	14,594	296	1,893	2,707	3,050	18,053	1,071	r77,070
September ..	7,095	2,109	15,825	129	1,257	7,137	2,714	18,092	1,088	81,173
October	8,769	1,785	13,399	184	931	2,517	3,050	36,677	2,033	r95,609
November ..	7,974	4,734	11,929	210	152	2,014	3,101	43,593	1,121	100,927
December ..	7,260	2,834	6,473	87	271	3,304	2,304	37,059	1,546	82,944
January	8,130	3,102	15,379	110	152	1,887	2,153	38,150	1,299	94,939
February ..	7,255	1,503	12,693	257	304	875	2,464	32,053	1,929	85,946
March	7,618	1,010	10,982	1,824	588	3,131	2,411	33,591	1,779	89,219
April	5,837	1,356	11,566	3,088	867	2,595	2,472	32,015	1,517	86,288
May	6,997	1,876	18,311	4,232	2,081	2,050	2,948	28,558	1,746	r101,091
June	7,712	1,179	13,270	2,592	746	2,823	2,904	27,014	2,503	r87,597
1962-63 p—										
July	9,988	669	13,402	520	726	2,514	3,009	25,892	1,719	r80,209
August	10,219	996	7,618	206	1,506	6,657	3,435	16,500	1,112	74,031
September ..										74,300

(a) Includes soups.

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. In general the index numbers show price changes in the predominant market or markets for each commodity, but average prices realized for exports are used for some commodities.

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the weights are the average annual exports of each commodity (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Index: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tallow.	Hides. (d)	Gold.	All Groups.	
											Excl. Gold.	Incl. Gold.
Percentage Distribution of Base Aggregate (1936-37 to 1938-39)	45.63	17.06	11.36	6.83	6.63	2.40	1.81	0.64	0.66	6.98	..	100.00
	49.05	18.34	12.21	7.34	7.13	2.58	1.94	0.69	0.72	..	100.00	..
1936-37 ..	122	123	92	120	98	104	103	122	113	99	116	115
1937-38 ..	99	111	107	96	106	92	103	100	100	98	102	102
1938-39 ..	79	66	101	84	96	104	94	78	87	103	82	83
1955-56 ..	464	324	320	562	355	450	286	353	238	178	414	397
1956-57 ..	578	327	250	545	368	501	319	357	240	178	464	444
1957-58 ..	471	357	218	398	333	518	341	368	240	178	400	385
1958-59 ..	362	350	230	386	394	475	383	367	335	178	351	339
1959-60 ..	425	333	315	428	432	452	349	302	365	178	393	378
1960-61 ..	390	335	229	398	463	461	342	324	296	179	366	353
1961-62 ..	412	354	229	358	(f)	430	pr313	256	307	178	p375	p362
1959-60— June ..	415	337	255	426	479	453	324	300	303	178	384	370
1960-61— July ..	392	335	269	422	477	447	326	311	280	178	374	360
August ..	362	330	252	417	469	455	329	311	274	178	355	342
September ..	366	338	235	412	460	466	338	327	304	178	356	344
October ..	362	339	245	408	447	469	341	338	308	179	355	342
November ..	377	339	239	409	435	450	345	333	310	180	360	348
December ..	373	334	235	390	439	455	348	317	302	179	356	343
January ..	377	330	225	376	419	447	346	308	307	180	353	341
February ..	392	331	215	386	461	451	346	317	300	178	363	350
March ..	400	333	208	391	474	450	347	338	308	178	368	355
April ..	430	337	210	393	490	462	347	339	296	178	385	371
May ..	430	336	209	392	488	458	r344	325	283	178	384	370
June ..	422	335	209	384	494	525	r343	320	275	178	382	368
1961-62— July ..	(e) 422	341	209	382	486	499	r341	299	306	179	382	368
August ..	422	344	208	381	477	464	r327	302	318	178	380	366
September ..	415	343	207	368	470	434	r325	282	320	178	374	360
October ..	400	346	207	365	467	417	r309	257	316	178	366	353
November ..	392	345	219	353	455	405	r307	250	304	178	361	348
December ..	392	355	241	358	(f)	411	r309	246	307	178	p367	p354
January ..	392	359	241	354	(f)	427	r304	244	309	178	p367	p354
February ..	415	361	240	345	(f)	409	r303	242	301	178	p378	p364
March ..	422	360	240	351	(f)	416	r303	240	305	178	pr381	p367
April ..	422	362	240	350	(f)	437	r303	238	304	178	p382	p368
May ..	422	364	241	346	(f)	418	pr311	235	299	178	p382	p367
June ..	422	365	258	337	(f)	425	pr311	231	296	178	pr383	p369
1962-63— July ..	p415	p370	261	326	(f)	423	p302	231	283	178	p380	p366

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) The individual items comprising the "Meats" group have been altered from October, 1960. In October, 1960, and subsequent months the meats group index has been varied by the movement in prices of beef, lamb, mutton and canned meats, weighted according to their average annual exports during 1956-57 to 1960-61. Guaranteed minimum prices are used when operative. (c) Sultanias, raisins, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) Nominal. (f) Actual prices realized not yet known; provisional series are included in "All Groups" Indexes.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

RECENT TRENDS—EXPORT PRICE INDEX—"WOOL" AND "OTHER GROUPS".

Group indexes in the table on page 20 show the great fluctuations and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards have occurred in the price of wool. Since wool is a predominant export, and comprises 46 per cent. of the base aggregate of the index, fluctuations in wool prices obscure the effect on the All Groups Index of movements in prices of the other components. "Wool" and "Other Groups" are shown separately below.

(Base of each Index: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939=100.)

Year.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Year.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
1950-51	999	365	654	1956-57.. ..	578	331	444
1951-52	564	397	473	1957-58.. ..	471	313	385
1952-53	616	371	483	1958-59.. ..	362	320	339
1953-54	615	356	474	1959-60.. ..	425	339	378
1954-55	538	342	431	1960-61.. ..	390	322	353
1955-56	464	342	397	1961-62.. ..	412	p320	p362

Month.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
	1957-58.			1958-59.			1959-60.		
July	(a)596	327	450	(a)400	304	348	(a)407	338	370
August	551	331	431	354	310	330	445	345	390
September ..	543	328	426	354	312	332	430	339	380
October	498	323	403	336	318	326	430	343	382
November ..	483	315	391	339	323	330	422	344	380
December ..	445	305	369	328	324	326	437	349	389
January	453	306	373	321	325	323	437	349	389
February ..	468	303	378	339	318	328	415	340	374
March	422	304	358	347	319	331	415	334	371
April	400	301	346	415	321	364	430	331	376
May	392	303	344	415	327	367	415	329	368
June	400	306	348	400	334	364	415	332	370

	1960-61.			1961-62.			1962-63.		
July	392	333	360	(a)422	322	368	p415	p326	p366
August	362	326	342	422	319	366			
September ..	366	325	344	415	315	360			
October	362	326	342	400	313	353			
November ..	377	323	348	392	r311	348			
December ..	373	319	343	392	p322	p354			
January	377	311	341	392	pr321	p354			
February ..	392	315	350	415	p322	p364			
March	400	317	355	422	p321	p367			
April	430	321	371	422	p322	p368			
May	430	320	370	422	pr321	p367			
June	422	322	368	422	p325	p369			

(a) Nominal.

NOTE.—The index numbers in the two preceding tables indicate satisfactorily the general trend of export prices, but do not take account of the relative quantities actually sold at the prices ruling in particular months. The "changing weights" index numbers, shown below, take account of this factor. In computing these, the weights used are the quantities actually exported (sold in some cases) in the months (or periods) to which the index numbers relate. The index numbers for the most recent available month are:—

All Groups.			Month of July.		Seven months ended July.	
			1961.	1962.	1961.	1962.
Excluding Wool ..	..	..	100	98	100	101
Including Wool ..	..	..	100	99	100	101

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have, in the main, been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants. With a few important exceptions they are from Melbourne sources. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base of each Index: Average of three years ended June, 1939=100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Food-stuffs and Tobacco. (b)	Basic Materials & Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal. (a)	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods principally Imported (c)	Goods principally Home Produced (b)	Total All Groups. (b)
1936-37 ..	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	98	99	98	99
1937-38 ..	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	102	102	101	101
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	101	99	100	100
1955-56 ..	404	220	456	317	328	415	345	325	292	352	334
1956-57 ..	409	241	520	344	302	463	367	324	311	357	344
1957-58 ..	398	238	437	349	280	453	355	325	301	355	339
1958-59 ..	392	231	362	327	293	423	340	332	283	358	338
1959-60 ..	395	225	403	331	379	431	347	348	281	375	346
1960-61 ..	399	222	387	331	341	439	346	372	278	394	360
1961-62 ..	392	212	400	333	302	439	340	332	270	363	336
1959-60—											
June ..	403	225	400	331	342	439	349	387	281	406	369
1960-61—											
July ..	403	225	384	329	349	439	349	390	280	409	371
August ..	401	225	366	329	365	439	347	392	280	410	372
September ..	402	226	370	329	370	439	349	388	280	407	370
October ..	402	223	368	329	378	439	348	377	279	399	364
November ..	402	222	377	329	377	439	348	365	280	390	357
December ..	400	221	376	329	342	439	345	363	280	386	355
January ..	399	219	380	332	323	439	344	359	278	384	352
February ..	397	219	389	332	322	438	344	362	276	386	354
March ..	397	220	395	332	324	438	345	367	276	391	357
April ..	395	221	413	332	325	439	346	371	277	394	359
May ..	395	221	413	332	318	439	345	365	277	389	356
June ..	393	218	408	332	303	439	342	362	274	386	353
1961-62—											
July ..	393	217	407	333	307	439	343	350	275	377	347
August ..	393	217	407	333	322	439	343	342	274	371	343
September ..	393	214	402	333	329	439	342	335	272	366	338
October ..	393	212	391	333	314	439	340	324	271	357	332
November ..	393	211	385	333	297	439	339	322	272	354	330
December ..	393	211	385	333	286	439	339	326	270	358	332
January ..	393	211	386	333	292	439	339	329	268	361	334
February ..	390	211	402	333	288	439	339	329	267	362	334
March ..	390	211	410	334	297	439	340	328	269	360	333
April ..	390	211	410	334	304	439	340	327	267	361	333
May ..	392	211	410	334	299	439	340	330	271	361	334
June ..	389	211	410	333	293	439	339	337	269	367	338
1962-63—											
July ..	389	211	p405	333	290	439	339	342	269	p371	p341

(a) Special purpose index for the "Metals and Coal" group excluding Coal and Briquettes for July, 1962, is 431, (b) During 1956 these indexes were reconstructed from the base period by excluding potatoes and onions. For July, 1962, index numbers for these groups comparable with the previous indexes including potatoes and onions are: "Foodstuffs and Tobacco", 340; "Goods Principally Home Produced", p369; "Total All Groups", p339. (c) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index and does not measure changes in prices of all imports.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

PRICE INDEX NUMBERS: VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Source: *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

The index numbers show fluctuations in prices in each country and do not measure relative price levels as between countries.

A short dash on each side of an index number (e.g., -95-) indicates that two series have been linked at that period. A line between two index numbers indicates that it is not possible to link two series (because of change in scope, etc.) and therefore the index numbers are not comparable with each other even though they are shown on the same base period.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES.

(Base: Year 1953=100.)

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the various countries.

Period.	Australia. (a)	Canada.	France.	Federal Republic of Germany.	Japan (Tokyo).	New Zealand.	South Africa. (b)	United Kingdom. (c) (1954=100)	United States of America. (1958=100)
1953	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		
1955	103	99	98	100	98	100	104	103	93
1956	106	102	102	102	102	104	105	107	96
1957	107	103	108	103	105	105	107	107	99
1958	105	103	121	103	98	108	107	101	100
1959	106	104	126	102	99	110	107	102	100
1960	112	104	130	103	101	110	109	102	100
1961	108	106	132	105	105	110	100	101	100
Quarter—									
1961—March ..	111	105	134	105	103	110	100	101	101
June ..	111	105	130	105	105	110	100	101	100
September	107	106	132	105	106	110	101	101	100
December	104	107	136	105	106	110	101	100	100
1962—March ..	104	107	135	106	105	110	101	102	100
June ..	105	108	137	(d)106	104		(d)101	101	100

(a) Basic materials and foodstuffs.

(b) Beginning 1961, base November, 1960 = 100.

(c) Basic materials

(d) Average of April, May.

CONSUMER (RETAIL) PRICE INDEXES.

(Base: Year 1958=100.)

Period.	Australia. (a)	Canada.	France (Paris).	Federal Republic of Germany.	Japan.	New Zealand.	South Africa, (b) (1959=100)	United Kingdom.	United States of America.
1955	91	93	83	94	97	91	91	89	93
1956	96	94	85	96	97	94	93	-94-	94
1957	99	97	-87-	98	100	96	96	97	97
1958	100	100	100	100	100	100	-99-	100	100
1959	102	101	106	101	101	104	100	101	101
1960	106	102	110	102	105	105	101	102	102
1961	108	103	114	105	110	106	103	105	103
Quarter—									
1961—March ..	108	103	112	104	108	105	102	103	103
June ..	109	103	112	105	108	105	103	104	103
September	109	103	113	106	111	107	104	106	104
December	108	104	116	106	114	108	104	107	104
1962—March ..	108	104	117	107	116	108	104	-108-	104
June ..	108	104	(c)118	109	(c)118		(c)105	(c)110	104

(a) Consumer Price Index converted to base 1958=100.

(b) European families' expenditure.

(c) Average of April, May.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.

The Consumer Price Index was first published in August, 1960. It has been compiled for periods from September quarter, 1948. A bulletin containing a full description of the Consumer Price Index is available from the Commonwealth Statistician on request.

GROUP INDEXES: WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX CAPITAL CITIES.

(Base of each index: Year 1952-53=100.0)

Period.	Food.	Clothing and Drapery.	Housing.	Household Supplies and Equipment.	Miscellaneous.	All Groups.
Year ended June—						
1953.. .. .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1954.. .. .	103.5	100.7	104.8	101.6	99.9	102.0
1955.. .. .	104.3	101.0	108.4	101.4	99.9	102.6
1956.. .. .	110.2	102.0	115.1	101.6	105.9	106.9
1957.. .. .	115.3	103.9	122.1	105.8	118.0	113.1
1958.. .. .	113.3	107.0	127.3	107.5	119.7	114.2
1959.. .. .	115.4	108.2	130.6	108.7	121.2	116.0
1960.. .. .	119.8	109.4	135.2	109.8	123.9	118.9
1961.. .. .	127.7	111.6	144.8	111.2	127.3	123.8
1962.. .. .	125.5	112.8	150.7	112.7	128.1	124.3
Quarter—						
1955-56—March	110.3	102.0	116.8	101.6	105.1	106.9
June	114.0	102.0	118.5	103.2	112.4	110.2
1956-57—September	119.0	102.3	119.7	103.6	116.0	112.9
December	115.6	103.3	121.7	105.5	118.0	113.0
March	112.9	104.2	122.3	107.0	118.6	112.6
June	113.8	105.6	124.5	107.1	119.3	113.7
1957-58—September	113.4	106.2	125.6	107.6	119.6	113.9
December	112.1	106.7	127.0	108.0	119.6	113.7
March	113.9	106.7	127.6	107.1	119.6	114.3
June	113.9	108.2	128.8	107.3	119.8	114.8
1958-59—September	113.7	108.2	129.2	107.9	120.1	114.9
December	114.6	108.4	130.4	108.7	121.3	115.8
March	116.3	108.1	130.9	108.9	121.5	116.3
June	117.1	107.9	131.9	109.1	121.9	116.8
1959-60—September	117.9	108.3	132.5	109.4	122.3	117.3
December	118.4	109.2	133.9	109.6	123.0	118.0
March	120.3	109.5	134.8	110.0	123.8	119.0
June	122.6	110.5	139.4	110.2	126.4	121.1
1960-61—September	126.0	110.7	141.4	110.6	126.7	122.5
December	126.7	111.5	144.1	111.0	127.2	123.3
March	128.6	111.7	145.7	111.3	127.5	124.2
June	129.4	112.4	148.0	111.9	127.7	125.0
1961-62—September	128.1	112.4	148.5	112.6	127.9	124.8
December	125.3	112.9	150.5	112.7	128.3	124.3
March	124.7	112.9	151.0	112.7	128.0	124.1
June	123.7	112.9	152.6	112.8	128.2	124.0

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.

See note at top of page 24. The indexes shown below measure price movements in each State capital city individually and for the weighted average of the six capital cities. They do not compare price levels as between cities.

ALL GROUPS: SIX CAPITAL CITIES SEPARATELY AND COMBINED.

(Base of each index: Year 1952-53=100.0)

Period.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capital Cities. (Weighted Average.)
Year ended June—							
1953	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1954	101.6	102.0	102.0	102.3	103.0	105.0	102.0
1955	102.3	102.0	102.9	103.5	105.2	104.9	102.6
1956	105.7	108.1	106.3	106.9	107.9	110.2	106.9
1957	112.9	114.0	112.0	111.1	112.9	116.9	113.1
1958	114.5	114.4	114.4	111.9	113.6	117.0	114.2
1959	115.3	116.6	118.2	114.5	114.7	118.7	116.0
1960	117.8	120.0	121.2	118.0	116.9	120.8	118.9
1961	122.1	125.9	125.4	122.9	121.2	127.5	123.8
1962	122.6	126.3	127.3	122.5	121.6	128.1	124.3
Quarter—							
1955-56—March ..	105.5	108.4	106.4	106.5	107.9	110.5	106.9
June ..	108.8	112.0	109.5	109.9	110.5	113.6	110.2
1956-57—September ..	112.7	114.1	111.9	111.6	111.7	116.2	112.9
December ..	112.6	114.2	111.7	111.4	112.3	117.2	113.0
March ..	112.6	113.3	111.7	110.2	113.2	116.7	112.6
June ..	113.7	114.2	112.6	111.3	114.2	117.5	113.7
1957-58—September ..	114.0	114.4	112.8	111.9	114.0	116.7	113.9
December ..	113.9	114.2	113.7	111.6	113.0	116.9	113.7
March ..	115.0	114.2	115.0	111.5	113.2	117.1	114.3
June ..	115.1	114.6	115.9	112.7	114.1	117.3	114.8
1958-59—September ..	114.8	114.9	116.7	113.5	114.4	117.7	114.9
December ..	115.2	116.4	117.9	114.2	114.3	118.7	115.8
March ..	115.5	117.1	119.0	115.0	114.7	119.1	116.3
June ..	115.8	117.9	119.1	115.3	115.5	119.3	116.8
1959-60—September ..	116.3	118.2	120.2	116.3	115.9	119.7	117.3
December ..	117.2	118.8	120.8	116.9	115.7	120.1	118.0
March ..	118.2	119.8	121.6	118.3	117.1	120.8	119.0
June ..	119.6	123.0	122.3	120.6	119.0	122.6	121.1
1960-61—September ..	120.8	124.9	123.6	121.5	119.8	125.8	122.5
December ..	121.6	125.5	125.1	122.4	120.8	127.1	123.3
March ..	122.5	126.1	126.7	123.4	121.9	128.3	124.2
June ..	123.4	127.1	126.1	124.3	122.4	128.9	125.0
1961-62—September ..	123.1	126.8	127.0	123.5	121.7	129.1	124.8
December ..	122.5	126.5	127.1	122.5	121.3	128.3	124.3
March ..	122.4	125.9	127.7	122.1	121.5	127.5	124.1
June ..	122.3	125.9	127.3	121.9	121.8	127.5	124.0

SHARE PRICE INDEX.

This index relates to ordinary shares of the principal companies (excluding banks) listed on the Sydney Stock Exchange, whose business in New South Wales is extensive. The prices of individual shares are unweighted and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made for changes in the capital structure of the companies. The total index is the average of all the shares included in the groups with the addition of thirty-four miscellaneous shares.

INDEX OF PRICES OF SHARES ON SYDNEY STOCK EXCHANGE.
(Base of each Index: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)(a)

Period.	Twenty-three Manufac- turing and Distributing Companies.	Ten Retail Companies.	Four Pastoral and Finance Companies.	Four Insurance Companies.	Total Seventy-five Companies.	Thirty-four Active Shares included in foregoing.
1936-37	989	1,059	1,106	1,052	1,022	1,026
1937-38	1,012	1,008	1,053	983	1,009	1,011
1938-39	999	933	841	965	969	963
1956-57	2,031	1,960	1,807	2,489	1,707	1,653
1957-58	2,188	1,972	1,886	2,827	1,836	1,803
1958-59	2,411	2,002	1,597	3,117	1,966	1,978
1959-60	3,188	2,702	2,382	4,245	2,718	2,743
1960-61	3,223	2,866	2,095	4,888	2,787	2,855
1961-62	3,359	2,872	1,915	5,620	2,949	2,932
1960-61—						
July	3,488	2,965	2,552	4,891	3,029	3,025
August	3,512	2,995	2,486	5,012	3,056	3,061
September	3,538	3,216	2,428	5,118	3,086	3,117
October	3,411	3,118	2,174	5,036	2,951	2,994
November	3,070	2,859	1,967	4,836	2,697	2,740
December	2,992	2,715	1,950	4,689	2,582	2,662
January	3,033	2,709	2,020	4,667	2,615	2,716
February	3,105	2,723	1,990	4,795	2,656	2,766
March	3,085	2,731	1,919	4,747	2,631	2,745
April	3,102	2,730	1,871	4,749	2,665	2,754
May	3,117	2,759	1,898	4,899	2,682	2,794
June	3,224	2,874	1,881	5,219	2,794	2,884
1961-62—						
July	3,260	2,807	1,882	5,272	2,799	2,878
August	3,202	2,759	1,845	5,251	2,782	2,865
September	3,237	2,739	1,829	5,267	2,809	2,863
October	3,243	2,731	1,767	5,337	2,829	2,838
November	3,230	2,768	1,778	5,493	2,857	2,864
December	3,211	2,765	1,829	5,416	2,857	2,839
January	3,349	2,879	1,889	5,531	2,969	2,914
February	3,536	3,030	1,954	5,659	3,122	3,046
March	3,559	3,045	2,085	5,694	3,113	3,046
April	3,513	3,056	2,061	5,670	3,072	3,005
May	3,549	3,028	2,044	6,440	3,143	3,078
June	3,412	2,861	2,018	6,408	3,037	2,946
1962-63—						
July	3,394	2,841	1,968	6,130	3,030	2,944
August	3,339	2,866	1,976	6,164	3,011	2,927

(a) Converted from original base, par values.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS OF WORK: ADULT MALES.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.	
							Rates.	Index Nos. (Base 1954 =100.0).

WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE.(a)

				<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	
30th June—											
1939	..	..	..	99 10	97 3	96 10	94 4	100 3	91 9	98 0	34.7
1952	..	..	..	267 1	254 7	250 5	252 7	260 5	255 4	259 2	91.8
1953	..	..	..	284 10	274 7	260 1	270 6	279 6	280 2	276 9	98.0
1954	..	..	..	287 8	278 8	269 7	273 7	283 9	283 9	281 0	99.5
1955	..	..	..	298 2	290 7	278 1	284 4	292 5	292 0	291 6	103.2
1956	..	..	..	311 10	305 9	292 2	295 10	305 3	311 11	305 7	108.2
1957	..	..	..	324 0	315 9	302 10	306 5	317 9	319 0	316 8	112.1
1958	..	..	..	329 7	319 1	310 9	312 0	319 6	322 11	321 7	113.9
1959	..	..	..	338 3	330 8	326 10	328 0	327 2	333 3	332 9	117.8
1960—				r					r		
30th June	..	..	..	356 6	349 6	344 8	r341 10	350 4	349 8	350 11	124.3
31st July	..	..	..	356 9	349 7	345 2	r341 11	355 9	349 2	351 6	124.5
31st August	..	..	..	358 7	349 9	347 3	r342 1	355 9	350 8	352 8	124.9
30th September	..	..	..	358 7	349 9	347 4	r342 1	355 10	350 9	352 8	124.9
31st October	..	..	..	r358 8	349 9	350 0	r342 1	357 11	350 10	r353 4	125.1
30th November	..	..	..	r362 7	349 11	350 8	r342 1	357 11	351 1	r355 0	125.7
31st December	..	..	..	r362 10	349 11	350 8	r342 2	358 1	351 6	r355 0	125.7
1961—				r						r	
31st January	..	..	..	363 0	350 1	353 11	r342 3	359 11	352 1	355 9	r 126.0
28th February	..	..	..	364 9	350 2	354 0	r342 4	359 11	352 1	356 6	126.2
31st March	..	..	..	365 4	350 2	354 1	r342 4	360 1	352 3	356 8	126.3
30th April	..	..	..	365 4	350 3	354 1	r342 4	360 1	352 3	356 8	126.3
31st May	..	..	..	366 10	350 5	357 4	r342 4	362 5	352 4	357 11	126.7
30th June	..	..	..	366 10	350 6	357 4	r342 4	362 5	352 4	357 11	126.7
31st July	..	..	..	372 1	360 4	359 8	r354 4	364 11	362 6	364 9	r129.2
31st August	..	..	..	373 9	362 2	359 8	354 5	365 0	r362 8	365 10	129.5
30th September	..	..	..	373 9	362 2	359 8	354 5	365 0	362 9	365 11	r129.6
31st October	..	..	..	373 9	362 1	359 8	354 5	363 8	362 8	365 9	129.5
30th November	..	..	..	373 3	362 1	r359 9	r354 6	r363 9	362 10	365 8	r129.5
31st December	..	..	..	373 4	362 1	359 10	354 7	363 9	362 10	365 8	r129.5
1962—											
31st January	..	..	..	373 3	363 2	359 10	354 7	363 9	362 10	366 0	129.6
28th February	..	..	..	372 9	363 2	359 10	r354 8	363 9	362 10	365 9	129.5
31st March	..	..	..	372 8	363 3	359 10	r354 8	363 9	362 10	365 9	129.5
30th April	..	..	..	372 8	363 4	359 10	r354 8	363 9	362 10	365 10	129.5
31st May	..	..	..	372 9	363 4	359 10	r354 8	363 10	362 10	365 10	129.5
30th June	..	..	..	372 8	363 4	359 10	r355 3	363 10	362 10	365 10	129.5
31st July	..	..	..	372 9	363 4	359 8	355 3	364 0	362 11	365 10	129.5

WEIGHTED AVERAGE STANDARD WEEKLY HOURS OF WORK.(b)

31st July, 1962	39.95	39.97	39.98	39.96	39.89	39.97	39.96	100.0
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(a) For a full week's work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in awards, determinations and agreements. Excludes Rural. Rates shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as indexes expressed in money terms, indicative of trends. They do not measure the relative level of minimum wages as between States. (b) Excluding Rural, and Shipping and Stevedoring.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES: ADULT MALES, AUSTRALIA.(a)

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL WAGE RATES.

Date.	Commonwealth Awards, etc.(b)				State Awards, etc.(c)				All Awards, etc.			
	Basic Wage.(d)	Margin.(e)	Load-ing.(f)	Total Wage.	Basic Wage.	Margin.(e)	Load-ing.(f)	Total Wage.	Basic Wage.	Margin.(e)	Load-ing.(f)	Total Wage.
WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE.(a)												
30th June—	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1939 ..	79 8	17 2	0 3	97 1	81 3	17 2	0 5	98 10	80 5	17 2	0 5	98 0
1952 ..	216 3	38 6	3 8	258 5	216 8	37 5	5 10	259 11	216 6	38 0	4 8	259 2
1953 ..	234 9	39 0	3 4	277 1	233 7	38 11	4 0	276 6	234 2	38 11	3 8	276 9
1954 ..	237 4	39 2	3 4	279 10	237 9	40 0	4 6	282 3	237 6	39 7	3 11	281 0
1955 ..	237 4	52 1	2 4	291 9	237 8	48 9	4 9	291 2	237 6	50 6	3 6	291 6
1956 ..	248 6	53 0	2 4	303 10	250 7	51 6	5 7	307 8	249 5	52 4	3 10	305 7
1957 ..	258 4	54 3	2 5	315 0	259 9	53 3	5 4	318 4	259 0	53 9	3 11	316 8
1958 ..	263 0	54 5	2 6	319 11	264 5	54 8	4 2	323 3	263 8	54 7	3 4	321 7
1959 ..	277 1	55 1	2 7	334 9	270 8	55 6	4 5	330 7	274 0	55 3	3 6	332 9
1960—												
30th June ..	277 5	69 9	3 2	350 4	279 5	r67 3	5 1	r351 9	278 5	68 5	4 1	350 11
31st July ..	277 5	69 9	3 2	350 4	280 2	r67 7	5 1	r352 10	278 9	68 8	4 1	351 6
31st Aug. ..	277 9	69 10	3 2	350 9	281 10	r67 9	5 1	r354 8	279 9	68 10	4 1	352 8
30th Sept. ..	277 9	69 10	3 2	350 9	281 10	r67 9	5 1	r354 8	279 9	68 10	4 1	352 8
31st Oct. ..	277 9	r70 1	3 2	r351 0	282 10	r67 10	5 1	r355 9	280 3	r69 0	4 1	r353 4
30th Nov. ..	278 2	r70 1	3 2	r351 5	285 2	r68 3	5 4	r358 9	281 7	r69 2	4 3	r355 0
31st Dec. ..	278 2	r70 1	3 2	r351 5	285 2	r68 5	5 3	r358 10	281 7	r69 3	4 2	r355 0
1961—		r		r						r		r
31st Jan. ..	278 2	70 2	3 2	351 6	286 4	r68 5	5 4	r360 1	282 2	69 4	4 3	355 9
28th Feb. ..	278 5	70 3	3 2	351 10	287 6	r68 6	5 4	r361 4	282 10	69 5	4 3	356 6
31st March ..	278 5	70 3	3 8	352 4	287 6	r68 7	5 3	r361 4	282 10	69 5	4 5	356 8
30th April ..	278 5	70 3	3 8	352 4	287 6	r68 7	5 3	r361 4	282 10	69 5	4 5	356 8
31st May ..	278 8	70 3	3 8	352 7	289 6	r68 7	5 6	r363 7	283 11	69 5	4 7	357 11
30th June ..	278 8	70 5	3 8	352 9	289 6	r68 7	5 6	r363 7	283 11	69 5	4 7	357 11
31st July ..	289 7	70 5	3 6	363 6	291 10	r68 7	5 6	r365 11	290 8	69 7	4 6	364 9
31st Aug. ..	289 9	70 6	3 6	363 9	293 11	r68 9	5 5	r368 1	291 9	69 8	4 5	365 10
30th Sept. ..	289 9	70 6	3 6	363 9	293 11	r68 9	5 5	r368 1	291 9	69 8	4 6	365 11
31st Oct. ..	289 9	70 7	3 6	363 10	293 9	r68 9	5 5	r367 11	291 8	69 8	4 5	365 9
30th Nov. ..	289 9	70 7	3 6	363 10	293 5	r68 10	5 4	r367 7	291 6	69 9	4 5	365 8
31st Dec. ..	289 9	70 7	3 6	363 10	293 5	r68 11	5 3	r367 7	291 6	69 9	4 5	365 8
1962—												
31st Jan. ..	289 9	70 7	3 10	364 2	293 5	68 11	5 6	367 10	291 6	69 10	4 8	366 0
28th Feb. ..	289 8	70 8	3 9	364 1	293 0	68 11	5 6	367 5	291 3	69 10	4 8	365 9
31st March ..	289 8	70 8	3 9	364 1	293 0	68 11	5 6	367 5	291 3	69 11	4 7	365 9
30th April ..	289 8	70 8	3 10	364 2	293 0	69 0	5 5	367 5	291 3	69 11	4 8	365 10
31st May ..	289 8	70 8	3 10	364 2	293 0	69 1	5 6	367 7	291 3	69 11	4 8	365 10
30th June ..	289 8	70 9	3 10	364 3	293 0	69 1	5 5	367 6	291 3	70 0	4 7	365 10
31st July ..	289 7	70 10	3 10	364 3	293 0	69 0	5 6	367 6	291 3	69 11	4 8	365 10

(a) Weighted averages of minimum weekly rates payable for a full week's work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in awards, determinations and agreements. Excludes Rural. (b) Awards of, or agreements registered with, the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission, and determinations of the Commonwealth Public Service Arbitrator. (c) Awards or determinations of, or agreements registered with, State industrial tribunals, and certain unregistered agreements. (d) Because of the coverage and method of weighting, these rates differ from the "Six Capitals" Commonwealth basic wage rates shown on page 29. (e) Margins are minimum amounts, in addition to the basic wage, prescribed in awards, etc., as payable to particular classifications for skill, experience, arduousness and other like factors. (f) Loadings are minimum amounts, in addition to the basic wage and margin (if any), awarded for various kinds of disabilities associated with the performance of work, or to meet particular circumstances. They include payments such as industry loadings and other general loadings prescribed in awards, etc., for the occupations included in the Minimum Wage Rate Index.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

BASIC WAGES: WEEKLY RATES, ADULT MALES.

Date.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capitals.
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COMMONWEALTH BASIC WAGE. (a)

	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1939—September ..	81	0	81	0	76	0	78	0	77	0	77	0	79	0
1947—November ..	112	0	109	0	105	0	106	0	106	0	107	0	109	0
1948—November ..	122	0	120	0	115	0	116	0	116	0	118	0	119	0
1949—November ..	132	0	130	0	125	0	126	0	129	0	128	0	129	0
1950—November ..	146	0	143	0	135	0	137	0	139	0	139	0	142	0
December ..	165	0	162	0	154	0	158	0	160	0	160	0	162	0
1951—November ..	207	0	199	0	185	0	195	0	197	0	199	0	200	0
1952—November ..	237	0	228	0	216	0	229	0	228	0	230	0	231	0
1953—February ..	238	0	229	0	215	0	225	0	229	0	232	0	231	0
May ..	241	0	232	0	217	0	228	0	231	0	239	0	234	0
August ..	243	0	235	0	218	0	231	0	236	0	242	0	236	0
1956—June ..	253	0	245	0	228	0	241	0	246	0	252	0	246	0
1957—15th May ..	263	0	255	0	238	0	251	0	256	0	262	0	256	0
1958—21st May ..	268	0	260	0	243	0	256	0	261	0	267	0	261	0
1959—11th June ..	283	0	275	0	258	0	271	0	276	0	282	0	276	0
1961—7th July ..	295	0	287	0	270	0	283	0	288	0	294	0	288	0

STATE BASIC WAGE.

	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
	(b)		(c)		(d)		(e)		(f)		(g)	
1957—September ..	270	0	263	0	241	0	251	0	272	9	272	0
December ..	270	0	263	0	241	0	251	0	272	9	272	0
1958—March ..	269	0	263	0	244	0	251	0	268	6	272	0
June ..	274	0	263	0	248	0	256	0	268	6	272	0
September ..	274	0	263	0	254	0	256	0	272	3	272	0
December ..	273	0	263	0	256	0	256	0	273	5	272	0
1959—March ..	275	0	263	0	260	0	256	0	273	5	272	0
June ..	276	0	275	0	263	0	271	0	275	1	272	0
September ..	277	0	275	0	263	0	271	0	278	7	282	0
December ..	279	0	275	0	267	0	271	0	281	6	282	0
1960—March ..	283	0	275	0	269	0	271	0	281	6	282	0
June ..	285	0	275	0	271	0	271	0	286	4	282	0
September ..	288	0	275	0	273	0	271	0	292	3	282	0
December ..	294	0	275	0	276	0	271	0	294	7	282	0
1961—March ..	297	0	275	0	280	0	271	0	296	7	282	0
June ..	299	0	275	0	284	0	271	0	299	3	282	0
September ..	302	0	287	0	284	0	283	0	300	6	294	0
December ..	301	0	287	0	284	0	283	0	298	9	294	0
1962—March ..	300	0	287	0	284	0	283	0	298	9	294	0
June ..	300	0	287	0	284	0	283	0	298	9	294	0
August ..	(g) 299	0	(h) 287	0	(i) 284	0	(j) 283	0	(k) 298	9	(l) 294	0

(a) Automatic adjustment in accordance with variations in retail price index numbers discontinued as from 12th September, 1953. Rates operative from beginning of first pay-period commencing in month shown or commencing on or after the date shown. (b) Automatic quarterly adjustments operative. To June, 1962, rates payable from beginning of first pay-period in month prior to that shown. (c) Automatic adjustments discontinued. Commonwealth rates adopted during 1959.

(d) Determined by State industrial tribunal—to March, 1961, after considering retail price index numbers; thereafter, only after a full inquiry. (e) Rates same as Commonwealth basic wage rates. (f) Determined each quarter by State industrial tribunal, after considering retail price index numbers. (g) Payable from beginning of first pay-period in August, 1962.

(h) During July and August, 1961, Wages Boards adopted the Commonwealth basic wage rate. (i) 29th May, 1961. (j) 10th July, 1961. (k) 30th October, 1961. (l) Most Wages Boards adopted the Commonwealth basic wage rate from July, 1961.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES AND SALARIES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.(a)

The following figures are derived from employment and wages and salaries recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns, from other direct collections and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the Defence Forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly earnings is published on page 2.

Period.	New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(c)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES AND SALARIES PAID (£'000).							
1955-56	19,764	14,144	6,033	4,330	3,104	1,521	48,896
1956-57	20,943	14,925	6,457	4,507	3,177	1,635	51,644
1957-58	21,664	15,510	6,585	4,635	3,284	1,671	53,349
1958-59	22,414	16,240	6,970	4,823	3,347	1,725	55,519
1959-60	24,816	18,123	7,441	5,392	3,618	1,878	61,268
1960-61	26,823	19,204	7,819	5,661	3,886	1,969	65,362
1961-62	27,268	19,519	7,909	5,822	4,048	2,057	66,623
1959-60—							
June Quarter ..	26,356	18,994	7,614	5,609	3,764	2,016	64,353
1960-61—							
September „ ..	26,296	19,029	7,977	5,640	3,877	1,888	64,707
December „ ..	28,276	20,204	8,188	5,868	4,003	2,002	68,541
March „ ..	25,649	18,518	7,271	5,497	3,691	1,945	62,571
June „ ..	27,073	19,065	7,840	5,639	3,972	2,040	65,629
1961-62—							
September „ ..	26,276	18,924	7,966	5,643	3,964	1,937	64,710
December „ ..	28,407	20,130	8,130	5,945	4,110	2,069	68,791
March „ ..	26,065	18,984	7,426	5,681	3,943	2,033	64,132
June „ ..	28,323	20,037	8,112	6,021	4,176	2,188	68,857

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£).(d)							
1955-56	18.92	18.78	16.49	17.88	16.92	17.75	18.28
1956-57	19.89	19.70	17.50	18.28	17.48	18.79	19.16
1957-58	20.44	20.22	17.94	18.68	18.05	18.95	19.67
1958-59	21.04	20.69	18.63	19.10	18.19	19.33	20.19
1959-60	22.77	22.28	19.89	20.61	19.46	20.71	21.76
1960-61	24.03	23.32	21.00	21.33	20.57	21.42	22.86
1961-62	24.48	23.98	21.67	21.96	21.27	22.50	23.46
1959-60—							
June Quarter ..	23.84	23.30	20.23	21.22	20.11	21.98	22.66
1960-61—							
September „ ..	23.63	23.22	21.02	21.30	20.54	20.71	22.65
December „ ..	25.14	24.42	21.88	22.05	21.07	21.78	23.85
March „ ..	22.86	22.29	19.76	20.64	19.56	21.00	21.81
June „ ..	24.48	23.34	21.33	21.32	21.10	22.18	23.15
1961-62—							
September „ ..	23.92	23.54	21.66	21.60	21.07	21.40	23.03
December „ ..	25.58	24.80	22.52	22.48	21.73	22.78	24.33
March „ ..	23.28	23.15	20.53	21.30	20.64	22.11	22.49
June „ ..	25.15	24.44	21.95	22.44	21.66	23.70	24.00

(a) Includes, in addition to wages at award rates, earnings of salaried employees, overtime earnings, over-award and bonus payments, etc. (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes the Northern Territory. (d) Total wages and salaries, etc. divided by total civilian employment expressed in male units. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. As it is not possible to estimate the ratio of female to male earnings in the several States, the same ratio has been used for each State. Because the actual ratio may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

BUILDING APPROVALS(a): AUSTRALIA.

As from the July, 1960 issue of the *Review*, the statistics of building approvals on pages 31 to 33 replace the statistics of building permits previously shown. The new series uses a uniform approach in recording the numbers of individual houses and flats, adopts a more uniform classification of "government" and "private", and gives a slightly wider coverage.

Period.	Houses and Flats.						Other New Buildings.		Alterations (b) and Additions.		Total.
	Private. (c)		Government. (c)		Total.		Private. (c)	Government. (c)	Private. (c)	Government. (c)	
	Number. (d)	Value.	Number. (d)	Value.	Number. (d)	Value.	Value.		Value.		
		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
Monthly Average—											
1954-55 ..	5,622	15,408	1,563	3,700	7,185	19,108	6,301	3,507	3,849	537	33,302
1955-56 ..	5,268	15,367	1,047	2,633	6,315	18,000	8,169	4,986	4,179	806	36,140
1956-57 ..	5,189	15,342	1,122	2,862	6,311	18,204	6,564	3,251	3,991	831	32,841
1957-58 ..	5,846	17,606	1,181	3,173	7,027	20,779	7,193	4,007	4,374	789	37,142
1958-59 ..	6,308	19,108	1,190	3,188	7,498	22,296	8,639	4,503	4,906	970	41,314
1959-60 ..	7,587	23,581	1,066	3,031	8,653	26,612	11,251	5,673	5,827	947	50,310
1960-61 ..	6,446	21,324	1,355	3,709	7,801	25,033	11,947	6,666	5,752	781	50,179
1961-62 ..	5,886	19,941	1,180	3,333	7,066	23,274	11,372	7,676	5,789	720	48,831
Monthly Total—											
1960-61—											
July ..	8,106	26,112	1,285	3,185	9,391	29,297	12,668	9,698	6,519	693	58,875
August ..	9,170	30,494	1,226	3,326	10,396	33,820	13,448	4,385	6,568	900	59,121
September ..	8,448	26,972	987	2,870	9,435	29,842	12,631	11,846	6,424	577	61,320
October ..	8,187	27,099	2,382	5,993	10,569	33,092	12,981	6,216	6,480	753	59,522
November ..	7,376	23,904	1,286	3,531	8,662	27,435	20,306	6,983	6,096	525	61,345
December ..	5,299	18,103	1,355	3,612	6,654	21,715	12,410	4,651	4,987	479	44,242
January ..	4,812	15,738	788	2,298	5,600	18,036	8,356	2,468	4,781	919	34,560
February ..	5,084	16,936	885	2,591	5,969	19,527	9,376	5,617	5,607	1,251	41,378
March ..	5,107	17,172	1,234	3,067	6,341	20,239	9,772	7,033	5,766	774	43,584
April ..	4,552	15,422	819	2,288	5,371	17,710	6,459	3,391	4,890	759	33,209
May ..	5,850	19,667	1,316	3,815	7,166	23,482	15,710	7,400	5,855	604	53,051
June ..	5,363	18,270	2,699	7,928	8,062	26,198	9,241	10,303	5,059	1,134	51,935
1961-62—											
July ..	5,818	19,498	1,197	3,323	7,015	22,821	8,720	5,393	5,568	1,189	43,691
August ..	6,950	23,891	775	2,362	7,725	26,253	14,745	6,193	6,774	648	54,613
September ..	5,540	18,732	1,483	4,369	7,023	23,101	12,156	11,201	6,277	484	53,219
October ..	6,066	20,615	1,099	3,143	7,165	23,758	7,888	11,496	6,124	467	49,733
November ..	6,394	21,485	1,014	3,045	7,408	24,530	15,142	7,650	6,530	356	54,208
December ..	4,397	14,721	1,531	4,319	5,928	19,040	9,854	6,881	4,020	202	39,997
January ..	4,842	16,360	517	1,604	5,359	17,964	8,295	6,548	4,682	1,148	38,637
February ..	5,551	18,855	921	2,536	6,472	21,391	11,693	6,115	5,178	457	44,834
March ..	6,474	21,870	1,005	2,836	7,479	24,706	11,908	9,313	7,041	907	53,875
April ..	5,781	19,465	1,443	4,011	7,224	23,476	11,525	8,514	5,418	583	49,516
May ..	6,723	22,964	1,772	4,541	8,495	27,505	15,663	5,220	6,344	908	55,640
June ..	6,094	20,838	1,404	3,909	7,498	24,747	8,873	7,585	5,513	1,287	48,005
1962-63—											
July ..	7,167	24,542	1,106	3,018	8,273	27,560	16,610	10,995	6,627	746	62,538
August ..	7,338	25,917	920	2,532	8,258	28,449	14,844	4,699	7,426	386	55,804

(a) Includes permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorized by government authorities. (b) In all States, except New South Wales, additions of £5,000 and over are included with new buildings. (c) Building is classified as "Government" or "Private" according to ownership. (d) Number of individual living units.

BUILDING APPROVALS.

VALUE OF TOTAL BUILDING APPROVED.(a)

(Including alterations and additions.)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland. (b)	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
Monthly Average—									
1954-55 ..	12,093	9,506	3,537	3,266	3,103	1,044	172	581	33,302
1955-56 ..	13,529	11,065	3,879	3,862	2,250	1,033	154	368	36,140
1956-57 ..	11,973	9,748	3,851	3,025	2,350	1,280	108	506	32,841
1957-58 ..	13,332	11,414	4,414	3,584	2,334	1,112	202	750	37,142
1958-59 ..	15,426	12,623	4,542	3,911	2,357	1,150	219	1,086	41,314
1959-60 ..	19,488	14,993	5,455	4,428	2,889	1,631	312	1,114	50,310
1960-61 ..	18,773	13,825	6,118	5,568	3,006	1,272	249	1,368	50,179
1961-62 ..	18,785	13,137	5,377	4,699	3,319	1,575	329	1,610	48,831
Monthly Total—									
1960-61—									
July ..	23,554	19,544	6,354	4,581	2,883	1,219	246	494	58,875
August ..	22,221	19,154	7,032	4,724	3,244	1,718	174	854	59,121
September ..	23,684	13,912	8,413	5,244	3,291	1,796	174	4,806	61,320
October ..	22,787	17,405	6,589	7,312	3,375	1,007	133	914	59,522
November ..	18,333	19,186	6,040	10,632	3,591	1,589	119	1,855	61,345
December ..	18,884	12,303	4,874	3,061	2,732	1,052	123	1,213	44,242
January ..	14,429	7,650	4,883	2,974	2,708	851	328	737	34,560
February ..	16,948	9,910	4,035	6,570	2,069	1,057	428	361	41,378
March ..	15,850	12,022	5,226	5,567	2,996	1,071	221	631	43,584
April ..	12,377	8,907	4,849	2,470	2,442	1,287	476	401	33,209
May ..	19,053	12,872	9,421	5,644	3,128	1,331	249	1,353	53,051
June ..	17,155	13,037	5,697	8,042	3,608	1,292	309	2,795	51,935
1961-62—									
July ..	18,102	10,455	4,997	3,559	3,214	1,776	693	895	43,691
August ..	22,352	13,955	5,374	5,391	3,409	2,587	183	1,362	54,613
September ..	22,017	12,457	5,069	5,577	4,145	1,921	126	1,907	53,219
October ..	21,122	13,062	5,119	3,594	4,067	1,191	363	1,215	49,733
November ..	21,886	13,603	5,021	6,592	3,160	1,150	291	2,505	54,208
December ..	15,062	10,653	4,697	3,559	3,373	1,474	167	1,012	39,997
January ..	17,184	10,740	3,587	2,718	2,203	1,159	325	721	38,637
February ..	13,662	13,664	5,165	6,117	2,929	1,428	332	1,537	44,834
March ..	19,280	13,511	6,920	4,186	3,545	2,557	459	3,417	53,875
April ..	20,637	14,024	5,569	4,381	2,752	897	207	1,049	49,516
May ..	17,970	17,114	6,471	6,541	3,585	1,477	315	2,167	55,640
June ..	16,140	14,410	6,531	4,171	3,451	1,286	481	1,535	48,005
1962-63—									
July ..	26,078	16,326	6,572	6,523	4,359	1,556	72	1,052	62,538
August ..	19,784	17,652	6,408	4,647	3,779	1,685	429	1,420	55,804

(a) See note (a), page 31.

(b) From June quarter, 1954, includes the approvals of Hospital Boards, not previously collected.

BUILDING APPROVALS.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED.(a)

(Individual living units.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
Monthly Average—									
1954-55 ..	2,490	2,013	838	752	751	234	27	80	7,185
1955-56 ..	2,127	1,881	809	678	518	222	24	56	6,315
1956-57 ..	2,309	1,760	825	584	525	229	14	65	6,311
1957-58 ..	2,505	2,008	907	780	482	212	27	106	7,027
1958-59 ..	2,929	2,066	952	708	455	219	31	138	7,498
1959-60 ..	3,484	2,422	1,039	777	537	228	37	129	8,653
1960-61 ..	3,058	1,966	993	892	510	202	32	148	7,801
1961-62 ..	2,720	1,784	896	711	574	220	39	122	7,066
Monthly Total									
1960-61—									
July ..	3,706	2,524	1,090	1,120	581	252	35	83	9,391
August ..	4,051	3,153	1,326	840	607	233	19	167	10,396
September ..	3,835	2,366	1,158	937	606	253	12	268	9,435
October ..	3,733	2,773	1,213	1,920	606	217	26	81	10,569
November ..	3,267	2,182	972	1,161	567	228	9	276	8,662
December ..	2,560	1,738	799	762	427	208	26	134	6,654
January ..	2,427	1,051	828	627	333	154	73	107	5,600
February ..	2,830	1,261	727	462	411	177	74	27	5,969
March ..	2,667	1,495	834	671	407	179	21	67	6,341
April ..	2,205	1,240	869	391	440	147	49	30	5,371
May ..	2,928	1,693	1,177	466	498	192	34	178	7,166
June ..	2,492	2,112	920	1,345	635	185	12	361	8,062
1961-62—									
July ..	2,968	1,630	949	603	505	217	13	130	7,015
August ..	3,029	2,016	996	610	558	278	30	208	7,725
September ..	2,613	1,668	815	1,101	554	213	12	47	7,023
October ..	2,836	1,883	960	487	619	219	60	101	7,165
November ..	2,861	1,848	865	784	684	228	45	93	7,408
December ..	2,204	1,616	619	591	572	211	30	85	5,928
January ..	2,234	1,217	684	484	426	149	42	123	5,359
February ..	2,121	1,857	828	675	660	183	81	67	6,472
March ..	2,733	1,966	973	629	722	293	60	103	7,479
April ..	3,199	1,614	901	670	494	200	24	122	7,224
May ..	3,131	2,013	940	1,300	603	238	31	239	8,495
June ..	2,711	2,077	1,222	602	486	215	43	142	7,498
1962-63—									
July ..	3,211	2,306	898	763	616	237	10	232	8,273
August ..	3,318	2,108	960	802	592	210	70	198	8,258

(a) See note (a), page 31.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS: AUSTRALIA.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Commenced.			Completed.			Under Construction at end of period.		
	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.
Quarterly Average—									
1956-57	52,355	37,551	89,906	52,434	37,957	90,391	161,478	224,758	386,236
1957-58	57,259	37,861	95,120	57,875	48,410	106,285	163,698	191,497	355,195
1958-59	63,698	44,395	108,093	65,919	45,074	110,993	159,682	193,771	353,453
1959-60	73,164	57,814	130,978	71,371	50,415	121,786	170,924	227,532	398,456
1960-61	74,801	63,204	138,005	78,429	60,276	138,705	160,839	246,344	407,183
1961-62	70,023	65,934	135,957	74,146	59,257	133,403	148,418	281,386	429,804
Quarterly Total—									
1959-60—									
Mar. Qtr. ..	73,118	56,469	129,587	67,592	49,002	116,594	163,648	213,449	377,097
June „ ..	81,836	63,258	145,094	75,608	50,739	126,347	170,924	227,532	398,456
1960-61—									
Sept. „ ..	86,205	67,041	153,246	78,641	52,258	130,899	179,696	242,527	422,223
Dec. „ ..	81,331	67,965	149,296	85,532	63,723	149,255	176,479	250,719	427,198
Mar. „ ..	67,307	57,911	125,218	73,790	63,747	137,537	171,417	246,124	417,541
June „ ..	64,361	59,898	124,259	75,753	61,376	137,129	160,839	246,344	407,183
1961-62—									
Sept. „ ..	72,378	62,276	134,654	73,932	57,363	131,295	160,349	252,874	413,223
Dec. „ ..	65,031	61,550	126,581	77,559	66,609	144,168	148,802	250,112	398,914
Mar. „ ..	69,701	67,009	136,710	69,177	55,744	124,921	150,199	262,994	413,193
June „ ..	72,981	72,900	145,881	75,917	57,310	133,227	148,418	281,386	429,804

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
Quarterly Average—									
1956-57	33,274	28,708	8,846	8,499	5,856	3,152	571	1,485	90,391
1957-58	42,310	32,939	9,510	9,512	6,816	3,210	528	1,460	106,285
1958-59	39,960	34,359	11,250	11,099	7,566	3,362	647	2,750	110,993
1959-60	44,436	37,041	12,551	11,910	7,530	3,951	640	3,727	121,786
1960-61	52,297	40,788	14,826	13,467	9,006	4,253	779	3,289	138,705
1961-62	52,011	37,044	13,763	13,079	8,509	4,182	876	3,939	133,403
Quarterly Total—									
1959-60—									
Mar. Qtr. ..	44,854	35,023	11,586	11,664	6,394	3,857	730	2,486	116,594
June „ ..	47,834	37,364	12,663	12,457	8,085	5,045	601	2,298	126,347
1960-61—									
Sept. „ ..	46,364	42,960	13,597	12,313	8,797	3,251	685	2,932	130,899
Dec. „ ..	53,334	42,146	18,062	15,845	10,617	4,513	538	4,200	149,255
Mar. „ ..	54,369	40,196	14,976	12,373	8,479	3,894	729	2,521	137,537
June „ ..	55,119	37,850	12,669	13,335	8,132	5,356	1,166	3,502	137,129
1961-62—									
Sept. „ ..	49,314	40,881	14,132	11,405	7,134	4,125	728	3,576	131,295
Dec. „ ..	56,839	39,237	14,073	14,679	9,199	4,474	743	4,924	144,168
Mar. „ ..	48,425	33,796	13,824	11,712	7,689	4,468	990	4,017	124,921
June „ ..	53,465	34,261	13,025	14,519	10,014	3,660	1,042	3,241	133,227

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS.(a)

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
COMMENCED.									
Quarterly Average—									
1956-57	6,080	5,190	1,963	1,782	1,429	665	63	192	17,364
1957-58	6,461	5,804	1,836	1,863	1,390	616	78	289	18,337
1958-59	7,372	6,067	2,222	2,219	1,368	692	83	399	20,422
1959-60	8,453	6,681	2,570	2,431	1,565	635	106	395	22,836
1960-61	8,808	5,797	2,588	2,460	1,512	594	104	359	22,222
1961-62 r ..	7,571	5,385	2,439	2,334	1,702	660	122	404	20,617
Quarterly Total—									
1959-60—June Qtr.	9,749	7,255	2,787	2,363	1,674	665	114	350	24,957
1960-61—Sept. „	9,635	7,474	2,883	2,783	1,743	702	98	320	25,638
Dec. „	9,403	6,764	2,498	2,476	1,567	554	85	579	23,926
Mar. „	8,571	4,484	2,626	2,181	1,339	583	95	257	20,136
June „	7,623	4,467	2,344	2,399	1,402	538	137	279	19,189
1961-62—Sept. „	8,033	5,510	2,674	2,504	1,669	664	117	376	21,547
Dec. „	7,272	5,160	2,209	1,919	1,562	630	97	323	19,172
Mar. „	7,357	5,417	2,293	2,251	1,841	638	148	403	20,348
June r „	7,623	5,453	2,578	2,660	1,737	709	127	516	21,403
COMPLETED.									
Quarterly Average—									
1956-57	5,782	5,270	1,848	1,856	1,349	716	82	206	17,109
1957-58	6,611	5,618	1,922	1,994	1,592	652	68	189	18,646
1958-59	7,508	6,441	2,214	2,196	1,514	677	89	401	21,040
1959-60	8,352	6,555	2,481	2,395	1,565	668	85	404	22,505
1960-61	9,099	6,569	2,651	2,566	1,603	665	101	362	23,616
1961-62 r ..	8,087	5,760	2,517	2,432	1,587	638	99	446	21,566
Quarterly Total—									
1959-60—June Qtr.	9,054	6,928	2,544	2,363	1,665	726	79	404	23,763
1960-61—Sept. „	8,589	7,181	2,867	2,673	1,580	676	114	354	24,034
Dec. „	9,427	7,664	3,015	2,796	1,814	735	108	486	26,045
Mar. „	9,502	5,571	2,320	2,231	1,496	552	80	287	22,039
June „	8,879	5,861	2,401	2,563	1,523	699	101	320	22,347
1961-62—Sept. „	8,168	5,777	2,505	2,325	1,549	591	75	481	21,471
Dec. „	8,381	5,978	2,609	2,709	1,723	622	108	486	22,616
Mar. „	7,619	5,285	2,356	1,964	1,384	643	111	426	19,788
June r „	8,181	5,999	2,598	2,731	1,691	695	102	391	22,388
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.									
1956-57	19,248	18,655	3,674	6,038	4,919	2,171	163	1,001	55,869
1957-58	18,640	19,400	3,331	5,510	4,114	2,027	199	1,402	54,623
1958-59	18,103	17,906	3,361	5,603	3,527	2,088	177	1,394	52,159
1959-60	18,501	18,409	3,716	5,749	3,529	1,957	262	1,354	53,477
1960-61	17,336	15,321	3,464	5,325	3,167	1,672	274	1,342	47,901
1961-62 r ..	15,272	13,822	3,150	4,930	3,629	1,762	367	1,176	44,108
Quarterly Total—									
1959-60—June Qtr. ..	18,501	18,409	3,716	5,749	3,529	1,957	262	1,354	53,477
1960-61—Sept. „ ..	19,547	18,702	3,732	5,859	3,692	1,983	246	1,320	55,081
Dec. „ ..	19,523	17,802	3,215	5,539	3,445	1,802	223	1,413	52,962
Mar. „ ..	18,592	16,715	3,521	5,489	3,288	1,833	238	1,383	51,059
June „ ..	17,336	15,321	3,464	5,325	3,167	1,672	274	1,342	47,901
1961-62—Sept. „ ..	17,201	15,054	3,633	5,504	3,287	1,745	316	1,237	47,977
Dec. „ ..	16,092	14,236	3,233	4,714	3,126	1,753	305	1,074	44,533
Mar. „ ..	15,830	14,368	3,170	5,001	3,583	1,748	342	1,051	45,093
June r „ ..	15,272	13,822	3,150	4,930	3,629	1,762	367	1,176	44,108

(a) Individual living units. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversions of old buildings into flats are omitted. Figures for flats include "home units".

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

Period.	Coal.		Heat, Light and Power.		Iron and Steel.			Gold. (Mine Production). (c)	Refined Metals.(a)			
	Black.	Brown.	Gas made in Gas works.	Total Electricity Generated.	Pig Iron.	Ingot Steel. (b)	Tin-plate.		Lead. (d)	Copper.	Zinc. (e)	Aluminium.
	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	million therms. (f)	million kWh.	'000 tons. (g)	'000 tons. (g)	tons. (g)	'000 fine oz.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Monthly Average—												
1936-37 ..	977	258	8.9	331	76.1	90.0	..	108.2	17,562	1,280	5,840	..
1937-38 ..	990	300	9.3	363	77.5	97.2	..	123.3	18,797	1,437	5,810	..
1938-39 ..	1,051	267	9.4	391	92.1	97.5	..	135.1	19,416	1,457	5,819	..
1955-56 ..	1,586	865	18.9	1,398	159.2	193.4	..	86.0	18,372	2,039	8,664	460
1956-57 ..	1,643	898	19.6	1,524	174.8	231.2	..	88.5	19,983	2,711	8,691	833
1957-58 ..	1,697	906	20.0	1,650	190.3	253.1	3,398	90.3	21,352	2,987	9,416	893
1958-59 ..	1,705	1,020	20.4	1,767	191.2	267.0	6,433	91.7	19,912	3,772	9,559	946
1959-60 ..	1,769	1,175	21.4	1,933	221.3	293.3	7,315	90.6	19,776	5,404	9,816	947
1960-61 ..	1,914	1,310	22.0	2,068	250.2	312.3	8,982	89.2	18,979	5,749	10,495	1,008
1961-62 p ..	2,049	1,411	22.2	2,204	281.5	338.5	8,868	88.7	19,215	5,325	12,812	n.a.
Monthly Total—												
1959-60—												
June ..	1,971	1,337	27.0	2,195	247.7	306.0	8,631	96.9	20,360	6,327	9,184	1,004
1960-61 p—												
July ..	1,974	1,397	28.1	2,312	238.5	310.2	9,155	90.3	21,677	4,569	10,500	946
August ..	2,211	1,417	27.4	2,303	251.1	333.2	8,996	90.1	20,336	6,534	10,366	1,028
September ..	2,057	1,333	24.0	2,121	242.4	310.6	7,736	94.5	20,270	5,507	9,974	983
October ..	1,970	1,299	22.4	2,081	254.8	316.1	8,596	96.5	19,925	6,240	10,460	1,010
November ..	2,079	1,239	21.0	2,030	248.2	313.5	9,016	90.7	18,663	7,225	10,287	958
December ..	1,674	1,167	19.2	1,946	277.6	337.3	8,494	98.5	20,934	5,594	10,680	1,031
January ..	1,001	1,203	17.1	1,873	234.7	257.3	9,158	81.9	19,586	5,160	10,632	914
February ..	1,953	1,204	16.8	1,859	232.5	282.5	8,775	83.4	18,189	5,179	9,859	921
March ..	2,180	1,259	19.1	2,048	262.6	326.3	10,336	82.0	17,492	5,937	11,057	1,035
April ..	1,437	1,269	19.8	1,949	240.6	321.8	9,187	97.2	17,296	5,652	10,875	1,037
May ..	2,291	1,495	24.9	2,285	271.1	333.3	9,700	81.8	17,523	5,598	11,352	1,110
June ..	2,146	1,441	25.9	2,266	279.2	330.6	7,564	84.0	15,852	5,791	9,894	1,128
1961-62 p—												
July ..	2,238	1,482	28.5	2,408	293.4	351.7	7,893	88.0	18,360	5,600	12,455	1,202
August ..	2,384	1,575	27.3	2,388	291.6	338.0	7,955	96.7	18,278	6,422	12,196	1,105
September ..	2,177	1,361	23.6	2,156	271.4	339.2	7,663	89.9	17,552	6,594	12,990	1,111
October ..	2,311	1,369	21.2	2,132	251.9	337.6	8,011	100.3	15,199	5,019	12,653	1,240
November ..	2,297	1,415	20.0	2,094	233.0	311.4	7,299	89.6	15,300	3,945	12,029	1,197
December ..	1,649	1,206	18.8	2,002	293.4	347.7	8,029	93.6	19,865	3,114	12,702	1,204
January ..	r1,223	1,241	17.7	2,017	299.2	338.6	9,803	82.5	20,608	4,753	11,588	n.a.
February ..	2,082	1,267	17.2	1,986	268.7	308.2	8,048	82.4	17,864	4,666	11,115	n.a.
March ..	2,269	1,432	19.4	2,195	302.4	346.2	11,608	88.3	19,903	5,684	13,595	n.a.
April ..	r1,525	r1,465	20.3	2,109	298.1	354.3	11,255	74.0	23,365	4,917	14,657	n.a.
May ..	2,324	1,578	26.0	r2,515	296.2	358.9	11,287	86.1	22,940	6,692	14,786	n.a.
June ..	2,111	1,538	26.3	r2,448	275.3	326.7	14,191	93.3	21,350	6,490	12,975	n.a.
1962-63 p—												
July ..	2,319	1,636	28.4	2,615	r292.6	r357.8	16,193	95.5	24,655		14,423	n.a.
August ..			27.7	2,636	286.3	352.3	17,843					n.a.

(a) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources. (b) Includes recovery from scrap. (c) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia. (d) Includes lead content of antimonial lead and of lead-silver bullion produced for export. (e) Refined slab; includes small quantities of metal recovered from zinc dust used in works. (f) 1 Therm = 100,000 British Thermal Units. (g) Monthly averages for twelve months ended May.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, .., see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS, BUILDING FITTINGS AND FLOOR COVERINGS.

Period.	Building Materials.								Building Fittings.			Floor Coverings. <i>(b)</i>
	Clay Bricks.	Roofing Tiles.		Cement Building Sheets.	Sawn Native Timber. (<i>a</i>)	Port-land Cement.	Fibrous Plaster Sheets.	Hard-board.	Baths—C.I.P.E. and Other Metal.	Wash Basins—C.I.P.E. and Earthen-ware.	Sinks—Stainless Steel.	
		Terra-cotta.	Cement.									
	Million.	'000.	'000.	'000 sq. yds. (<i>c</i>)	Million sup. ft.	'000 tons.	'000 sq. yds. (<i>d</i>)	'000 sq. yds.	No.	No.	No.	'000 sq. yds.
Monthly Average—												
1936-37 ..	53.1	2,630	326	522	53.6	60	567	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1937-38 ..	57.4	3,023	430	678	62.2	71	619	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1938-39 ..	60.0	3,307	374	791	59.8	72	634	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1955-56 ..	70.0	5,392	4,482	2,208	120.8	170	1,510	1,885	9,927	11,766	13,832	827
1956-57 ..	67.1	4,806	3,716	2,120	118.2	181	1,355	1,871	8,742	11,500	13,174	936
1957-58 ..	73.2	4,911	4,122	2,169	115.9	191	1,507	2,036	9,476	12,648	14,740	984
1958-59 ..	78.3	4,936	4,355	2,237	121.7	207	1,528	2,418	10,136	13,217	15,384	1,066
1959-60 ..	85.8	4,739	4,741	2,536	126.8	219	1,550	2,637	10,429	14,094	16,240	1,304
1960-61 ..	88.4	4,599	4,388	2,462	118.3	238	1,431	2,590	9,719	13,700	16,460	1,141
1961-62 p ..	82.0	4,199	4,400	2,254	r109.5	232	1,217	r2,407	9,190	13,304	14,512	1,094
Monthly Total—												
1959-60—												
June ..	91.5	5,182	5,029	2,593	138.3	234	1,621	3,104	10,917	14,171	14,391	1,481
1960-61 p—												
July ..	91.2	4,556	5,115	2,657	127.5	243	1,577	2,822	10,948	13,617	16,592	1,524
August ..	101.1	5,433	5,458	2,817	133.2	245	1,696	2,985	11,983	15,095	18,988	1,638
September ..	97.9	4,844	5,274	2,790	144.5	253	1,640	2,917	10,733	14,983	17,260	1,655
October ..	96.0	4,723	5,322	2,894	135.4	252	1,598	2,824	10,651	14,736	17,649	1,565
November ..	102.1	5,601	5,421	2,818	133.3	247	1,645	3,012	11,754	17,847	18,371	1,591
December ..	78.9	3,863	4,124	1,911	111.2	218	1,207	2,087	9,068	12,583	14,170	1,171
January ..	65.1	2,917	3,369	1,532	85.0	193	1,087	1,799	6,813	10,703	10,560	615
February ..	85.0	4,807	4,039	2,421	101.6	228	1,351	2,570	8,950	12,371	12,765	1,143
March ..	91.6	4,840	3,884	2,128	107.7	256	1,365	2,696	9,152	14,195	13,464	1,110
April ..	75.6	4,241	3,297	1,954	94.0	231	1,198	2,083	8,141	11,606	12,423	844
May ..	93.1	5,158	4,178	2,366	105.7	251	1,332	2,307	10,123	13,597	16,453	840
June ..	83.7	4,366	3,862	2,100	117.6	243	1,286	2,197	9,136	13,172	14,719	907
1961-62 p—												
July ..	84.8	4,426	3,883	2,406	105.6	242	1,217	2,492	8,632	13,654	13,963	751
August ..	91.3	4,728	4,725	2,575	118.1	249	1,280	2,673	10,420	13,194	17,344	954
September ..	86.7	4,169	4,455	2,539	112.2	239	1,161	2,776	9,442	13,499	16,094	1,256
October ..	86.3	4,401	4,475	2,220	119.8	244	1,253	2,438	10,154	13,447	17,014	1,056
November ..	82.8	4,550	4,572	2,397	118.4	229	1,313	2,662	10,095	14,880	19,040	1,149
December ..	64.2	3,373	3,497	1,813	99.1	207	982	1,728	6,703	12,521	14,077	987
January ..	53.7	2,886	3,482	1,559	80.9	175	951	1,711	6,966	9,008	10,214	610
February ..	80.4	4,292	4,031	2,097	100.3	207	1,275	2,360	9,884	13,182	12,340	1,211
March ..	92.2	4,292	4,956	2,636	119.4	244	1,353	2,445	10,054	15,142	13,229	1,443
April ..	78.6	3,953	4,052	1,876	101.2	237	1,141	1,902	8,003	11,632	10,907	942
May ..	95.8	4,845	5,371	2,538	112.7	254	1,418	2,919	10,915	14,537	15,540	1,366
June ..	86.9	4,468	5,296	2,389	r124.3	254	1,265	2,772	9,013	14,951	14,386	r1,407
1962-63 p—												
July ..	r96.5	4,330	3,303	2,402	120.7	r 269	1,337	2,686	9,019	16,606	17,787	r1,386
August ..	95.7					254		2,877				1,411

(a) Australian grown. Includes timber for sawn sleepers. Source (for 1960-61 and later periods): Commonwealth Forestry and Timber Bureau and Victorian Forests Commission. (b) Excludes underfelts and underlays. (c) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation. (d) From July, 1955, represents total production in all establishments and includes small quantities not previously recorded in some States.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES, ELECTRIC MOTORS AND ENGINES.

Period.	Domestic Cooking Stoves.			Domestic Refrigerators.	Domestic Clothes Washing Machines.	Radios and Radio-grams.	Television Sets.(c)	Room Air Conditioners. (d)	Electric Motors.		Internal Combustion Engines—Petrol. (e)
	Solid Fuel.	Gas(a)—Upright or Elevated.	Electric—Fixed Ranges. (b)						Under 1 h.p.	1 h.p. and over.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	'000.	'000.	No.
Monthly Average—											
1936-37 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	15,243	..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	223
1937-38 ..	f4,562	(f)3,481	(f) 749	1,257	n.a.	17,834	..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	415
1938-39 ..	f4,538	(f)3,894	(f) 730	2,458	n.a.	13,652	..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	157
1955-56 ..	3,942	4,753	3,984	20,617	13,797	38,168	220	169	87.9	5.1	8,382
1956-57 ..	3,834	4,550	4,323	16,293	12,035	30,524	10,103	282	74.9	4.7	15,042
1957-58 ..	3,603	4,663	4,588	16,327	13,675	31,729	23,536	390	88.8	5.1	15,527
1958-59 ..	3,288	5,531	5,315	18,316	15,016	31,526	26,368	1,061	105.9	5.8	24,186
1959-60 ..	3,071	6,634	6,192	19,763	16,823	33,549	36,508	3,339	131.9	8.5	24,326
1960-61 ..	2,644	6,097	5,769	18,293	16,295	37,899	26,331	5,602	145.9	9.3	15,348
1961-62 p	2,404	5,632	6,355	r17,663	18,895	30,707	24,577	2,351	134.2	6.8	16,386
Monthly Total—											
1959-60—											
June ..	3,204	5,855	5,578	16,466	20,473	26,008	49,736	1,822	147.5	11.0	6,901
1960-61 p—											
July ..	3,677	6,323	5,242	16,785	19,557	25,463	48,289	2,429	144.9	10.0	12,292
August ..	3,972	8,588	7,469	25,228	19,344	41,617	50,405	7,449	173.2	10.2	13,937
September	3,414	7,668	7,052	31,178	19,979	48,018	42,494	9,011	188.4	12.2	21,704
October ..	2,734	7,138	6,871	29,473	18,421	63,511	27,173	11,710	175.7	10.7	29,530
November	3,073	7,411	8,063	34,410	17,916	72,417	20,443	12,332	217.6	11.0	33,502
December	2,157	5,994	5,910	22,117	13,839	50,160	15,401	11,474	158.1	8.4	30,999
January ..	1,302	4,077	4,438	12,438	10,021	29,275	8,958	6,008	110.5	7.2	15,814
February	1,718	6,171	5,661	10,248	13,960	36,026	11,943	2,479	126.8	9.0	10,877
March ..	2,284	5,653	5,119	9,734	15,400	25,923	16,291	1,628	113.5	9.4	4,196
April ..	2,026	4,470	4,266	7,021	13,323	15,395	16,641	700	91.6	7.4	3,778
May ..	2,578	4,742	4,590	8,788	16,497	20,944	28,147	1,379	113.7	9.1	2,595
June ..	2,419	4,879	4,554	9,863	17,203	22,418	25,630	737	104.2	7.3	4,471
1961-62 p—											
July ..	2,954	5,504	4,717	11,500	16,903	23,727	26,525	964	105.6	7.5	11,087
August ..	3,127	6,450	5,667	17,554	20,062	27,242	24,132	1,693	125.1	8.2	12,970
September	2,661	5,509	5,552	22,505	20,506	35,030	21,793	4,029	139.9	5.9	26,175
October ..	2,392	7,561	6,902	23,669	18,491	37,750	18,231	4,491	152.1	6.6	38,391
November	2,106	7,357	7,470	27,943	20,948	45,960	19,191	4,821	171.7	7.6	31,081
December	1,701	5,583	5,632	20,082	15,111	34,265	15,498	3,630	128.4	5.9	13,317
January ..	1,413	3,973	3,893	16,312	13,486	20,126	12,972	3,124	113.6	5.4	11,636
February	1,787	5,263	6,371	16,465	17,574	29,129	21,117	2,116	136.3	6.3	17,689
March ..	2,387	5,352	7,772	16,314	21,166	30,645	27,588	1,505	141.2	7.0	13,309
April ..	2,248	4,910	6,724	r11,066	16,979	24,685	27,144	1,002	108.6	5.7	7,213
May ..	3,244	5,127	8,293	r14,555	24,331	29,521	41,860	832	145.5	8.1	3,909
June ..	2,823	4,989	7,262	13,995	21,188	30,401	38,871	995	141.9	7.3	9,856
1962-63 p—											
July ..	2,990	5,580	8,473	17,290	20,407	r31,013	r37,387	638	r142.4	5.7	17,292
August ..				23,040	21,346	37,889	31,218		157.3	7.8	23,526

(a) Town or liquefied petroleum gas stoves or ranges with oven. (b) Having at least one hot plate and at least one oven separately heated with a total rating in excess of ten amperes but not more than fifteen kilowatts. (c) Includes combinations with radio and/or record player. (d) Includes package unit air conditioners. (e) Excludes motor car, motor cycle, truck, tractor, aero etc. and marine engines. (f) Includes domestic, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers. For meaning of symbols n.a., .., p, r, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO.

Period.	Wheaten Flour.	Refined Sugar. (a)	Whole Milk for all Purposes.	Dairy Products (Factory Production).			Meat (carcass weight).				Beer. (b)	Tobacco Cigars and Cigarettes (c)
				Butter.	Cheese.	Pro-cessed Full Cream Milk Products.	Beef and Veal.	Mutton.	Lamb.	Pigmeat.		
	'000 short tons.	'000 tons.	Million gals.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 gals.(d)	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 gals.	'000 lb.
Monthly Average—												
1936-37 ..	102.4	27.0	89.9	13,908	1,636	n.a.	45.9	16.0	10.0	7.7	6,261	1,805
1937-38 ..	104.2	28.9	96.4	15,242	2,018	n.a.	49.7	17.2	9.9	7.2	7,084	1,904
1938-39 ..	114.4	28.2	99.2	16,232	2,415	2,781	46.6	17.1	9.6	7.2	7,523	1,939
1955-56 ..	130.9	41.0	116.8	17,149	3,223	5,944	62.6	19.5	12.1	7.8	18,958	3,842
1956-57 ..	136.0	40.0	113.2	15,820	3,764	6,510	67.9	18.6	11.9	7.4	18,394	4,129
1957-58 ..	110.1	41.1	105.4	14,410	2,991	6,655	65.9	22.5	12.6	8.5	18,871	4,255
1958-59 ..	113.9	43.2	114.2	15,910	3,619	6,756	75.5	25.9	15.1	8.8	18,633	4,371
1959-60 ..	125.6	45.0	117.2	16,251	r3,730	6,886	62.7	30.9	16.9	8.6	19,306	4,563
1960-61 ..	130.3	43.8	111.6	14,934	3,906	6,385	52.7	30.6	17.2	9.0	19,701	4,853
1961-62 p ..	126.0	45.9	120.9	16,461	r4,608	6,912	65.6	31.2	17.8	9.9	20,624	4,626
Monthly Total—												
1959-60—												
June ..	125.7	38.8	60.7	5,978	r1,768	2,826	70.5	27.1	13.8	8.4	15,378	4,516
1960-61—	p										p	p
July ..	130.0	39.2	69.5	7,224	2,330	3,514	63.8	25.7	13.4	8.1	16,196	4,444
August ..	139.8	43.6	100.5	12,734	3,835	5,724	53.7	25.5	14.8	8.3	20,376	5,951
September ..	142.0	46.7	128.8	17,937	5,028	7,933	50.5	29.0	20.1	9.1	20,721	3,681
October ..	133.6	47.7	155.7	22,608	6,225	9,708	42.5	29.6	25.7	9.1	20,561	4,391
November ..	143.1	47.2	163.1	24,073	6,212	10,771	42.3	34.6	23.8	9.1	23,859	5,016
December ..	113.3	42.3	157.7	23,541	5,618	9,114	40.4	34.1	19.1	9.8	24,069	5,398
January ..	122.2	42.1	133.8	19,252	4,440	7,469	42.4	31.8	16.0	8.1	23,121	4,180
February ..	128.1	40.4	102.4	13,507	3,225	5,835	45.4	33.2	14.9	8.5	20,356	4,430
March ..	129.5	43.7	102.3	13,384	2,952	5,408	53.2	35.1	15.7	9.7	21,354	4,668
April ..	113.6	40.1	79.7	9,362	2,168	3,885	50.4	29.1	13.6	8.8	17,898	4,280
May ..	144.3	44.2	76.0	8,431	2,327	3,848	69.2	30.9	14.4	9.7	17,399	4,740
June ..	131.6	39.2	69.8	7,155	2,511	3,410	79.1	29.0	15.1	9.2	15,850	4,362
1961-62 p—												
July ..	128.3	44.8	79.3	8,710	3,074	4,343	70.9	26.9	14.9	9.1	17,307	4,378
August ..	148.3	48.3	110.0	13,981	4,819	6,989	68.1	27.9	17.0	9.4	19,157	5,268
September ..	129.9	47.0	144.3	20,236	6,327	9,488	62.5	30.6	19.8	10.0	20,097	4,248
October ..	120.4	56.0	179.0	26,558	7,695	11,204	57.8	35.3	24.1	10.1	24,170	4,806
November ..	128.5	38.6	r178.8	26,885	7,314	10,686	59.7	36.2	21.9	10.8	25,577	5,002
December ..	103.6	48.7	169.7	25,558	6,438	10,049	55.0	32.9	18.1	10.0	24,849	4,946
January ..	122.9	45.7	151.6	22,504	5,418	8,465	59.7	32.7	17.3	9.1	22,004	4,388
February ..	132.1	46.7	118.7	16,628	3,987	6,271	59.4	32.3	16.0	9.5	18,651	4,536
March ..	131.5	50.9	104.0	13,611	3,195	5,148	66.5	34.2	16.7	10.4	20,732	4,465
April ..	99.4	41.7	81.0	9,591	2,395	3,726	60.9	27.8	15.3	9.5	19,156	4,359
May ..	142.8	46.7	69.0	7,043	2,196	3,323	82.1	31.8	16.9	11.8	19,874	4,802
June ..	124.5	38.9	65.2	6,225	r2,438	3,247	84.5	25.4	15.2	9.3	15,920	4,315
1962-63 p—												
July ..	123.7	43.7	81.5	8,961	3,327	4,474	82.3	26.4	15.6	9.4	18,685	4,588
August ..		50.7									19,968	5,146

(a) Monthly averages are for the twelve months ended March and the monthly tables are those recorded by the Department of Primary Industry. (b) Production in 1959-60 and later periods is as reported by the Department of Customs and Excise. From July, 1960, includes waste beer. (c) From July, 1960, represents the quantity on which excise duty was paid. (d) Whole milk equivalent.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, see page 1

PRODUCTION OF CHEMICALS, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TYRES.

Period.	Chemicals and Allied Products.						Motor Vehicle Bodies.(a)		Motor Vehicle Chassis.		Pneumatic Tyres— Motor Cycle, Car, Truck, Aero., etc.(e)
	Sulphuric Acid (100%).	Super-phosphate. (b)	Sulphate of Ammonia. (c)	Paints.		Soap.	Cars.	Utilities.	Car.(d)	Com- mercial Payload of One Ton and over.	
				Ready- mixed Paints and Enamels.	Lacquers, Nitro- cellulose.						
	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 gals.	'000 gals.	'000 cwt.	No.	No.	No.	No.	'000.
Monthly Average—											
1936-37 ..	36.4	91	1.77	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	4,138	610	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1937-38 ..	41.3	103	1.51	209	60	n.a.	4,836	518	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1938-39 ..	40.8	100	2.19	224	48	n.a.	4,242	715	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1955-56 ..	74.7	177	6.28	890	125	109	6,912	2,030	16,736	1,775	303
1956-57 ..	73.2	165	9.24	906	121	103	6,230	1,804	14,850	1,308	287
1957-58 ..	82.6	185	9.89	924	130	109	8,129	2,370	18,643	1,293	317
1958-59 ..	82.2	177	9.79	951	133	104	(f) 9,846	2,282	18,774	1,316	328
1959-60 ..	89.3	198	8.74	1,002	150	105	12,546	2,318	22,780	1,627	352
1960-61 ..	93.5	211	8.25	991	114	104	13,347	2,277	22,846	1,544	r364
1961-62 p ..	94.6	216	8.81	1,028	108	98	12,735	1,909	20,140	1,198	333
Monthly Total—											
1959-60—											
June ..	97.6	231	8.33	951	118	109	14,378	2,280	26,158	2,027	389
1960-61 p—											
July ..	80.8	169	8.22	930	116	113	14,563	2,491	26,126	1,910	358
August ..	89.0	204	7.35	1,060	134	98	16,348	2,737	29,065	1,876	439
September	95.0	195	8.85	1,091	134	113	16,779	2,429	28,475	1,784	410
October ..	85.8	185	8.59	1,162	123	108	15,787	2,403	28,779	1,544	372
November	73.5	160	10.00	1,237	134	112	17,587	2,519	30,141	1,739	414
December	90.9	190	8.56	989	113	99	12,562	1,721	21,391	1,587	314
January ..	91.2	193	8.13	722	64	66	10,694	1,706	16,932	1,285	259
February	95.0	214	7.49	995	116	95	12,995	2,143	20,936	1,503	369
March ..	106.2	269	7.96	951	119	117	11,625	2,926	19,928	1,335	372
April ..	111.0	261	8.55	778	84	103	8,936	1,788	15,869	1,491	306
May ..	110.2	269	8.46	969	106	119	12,240	1,998	20,083	1,378	375
June ..	94.4	223	7.87	800	91	102	10,028	2,189	16,429	1,091	335
1961-62 p—											
July ..	84.7	172	10.25	835	94	101	10,148	1,891	16,272	1,101	334
August ..	92.0	220	8.73	999	102	96	9,857	1,564	16,246	1,171	326
September	93.9	215	9.22	1,045	96	94	8,330	1,248	16,321	980	319
October ..	83.8	191	9.53	1,169	109	104	11,840	1,532	19,325	1,139	334
November	73.2	148	7.92	1,311	122	120	15,289	1,894	22,241	1,240	363
December	84.6	166	9.73	1,002	99	87	10,753	1,466	16,470	885	251
January ..	88.4	201	8.37	765	80	67	10,396	1,538	15,623	911	245
February	103.7	251	7.45	1,062	122	93	14,358	2,237	21,641	1,197	345
March ..	110.7	250	8.89	1,138	125	99	16,073	2,439	25,008	1,423	369
April ..	113.3	257	8.14	928	109	96	13,802	1,908	21,347	1,292	309
May ..	106.7	273	9.27	1,118	131	108	18,324	2,665	28,497	1,601	422
June ..	100.7	246	8.27	970	112	110	13,652	2,521	22,688	1,437	384
1962-63p—											
July ..	97.3	201	10.03	1,012	114	115	16,587	2,446	r27,609	1,554	439
August ..	96.0		9.70				21,444		31,244	1,638	

(a) Excludes those made, built or assembled wholly or mainly from imported panels. (b) Source: Department of Primary Industry.
(c) Source: Nitrogen Fertilizers Pty. Ltd. from July, 1960. (d) Includes station wagons, estate cars, utilities, panel vans and similar commercial vehicles with a payload of under one ton. (e) Source: Department of Supply. (f) From July, 1958 includes station wagons.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

WOOL RECEIVALS AND PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

Period.	Wool Received into Brokers' Stores. (a)	Scoured and Carbon- ized Wool.	Yarn.(b)		Woven Cloth.(b)				Blankets.	Hosiery.	
			Cotton.	Wool.	Cotton. (c)	Wool. (d)	Rayon.	Synthetic Fibre.		Men's. (e)	Womens— Full Length. (f)
	'000 bales.	Million lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 sq. yds.	'000.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.
Monthly											
Average—											
1936-37 ..	n.a.	8.4	730	2,136	n.a.	2,597	n.a.	n.a.	105	83	157
1937-38 ..	n.a.	7.9	965	2,510	n.a.	2,479	n.a.	n.a.	94	87	184
1938-39 ..	230.9	8.8	974	2,708	n.a.	2,646	n.a.	n.a.	96	92	178
1955-56 ..	354.6	12.1	3,379	3,601	3,222	2,523	1,374	164	138	130	192
1956-57 ..	405.6	13.8	3,498	3,975	3,856	2,732	2,025	256	140	121	214
1957-58 ..	362.7	12.8	3,720	3,801	3,695	2,643	1,924	313	155	123	185
1958-59 ..	394.6	13.2	3,544	3,381	3,524	2,272	1,476	516	142	109	205
1959-60 ..	410.5	14.6	3,868	4,213	3,594	2,520	1,484	616	161	130	212
1960-61 ..	392.9	12.8	3,407	4,039	3,641	2,205	1,729	837	159	113	218
1961-62p ..	399.9	13.6	3,562	3,824	3,683	2,089	1,706	r1,134	141	118	r237
Monthly											
Total—											
1959-60—											
June ..	165.2	16.3	4,774	4,856	4,465	2,562	2,132	916	220	141	245
1960-61 p—											
July ..	247.4	14.0	4,314	4,254	4,191	2,283	1,819	805	176	135	238
August ..	601.8	13.5	4,716	4,973	4,443	2,673	1,795	887	186	159	260
September	805.8	12.1	4,285	4,640	4,163	2,501	1,722	935	146	151	266
October..	891.8	13.4	4,104	4,510	4,008	2,525	1,842	887	158	156	240
November	698.4	14.5	4,453	5,188	4,306	2,944	1,955	899	177	149	260
December	283.3	12.8	2,993	3,452	3,118	1,983	1,604	630	117	87	196
January..	128.8	10.6	2,952	2,968	3,296	1,638	1,479	580	90	64	146
February	163.2	13.6	3,483	4,070	3,793	2,346	1,739	820	163	105	210
March ..	280.2	13.4	3,705	4,149	3,739	2,388	1,685	818	188	110	220
April ..	215.5	11.3	2,722	3,185	3,069	1,777	1,664	804	145	74	155
May ..	242.7	13.5	2,931	3,798	3,270	1,883	1,668	987	187	94	214
June ..	156.4	13.4	2,666	3,125	3,176	1,612	1,879	1,023	166	81	186
1961-62 p—											
July ..	310.9	12.4	2,673	2,819	3,196	1,561	1,494	737	126	90	190
August ..	601.2	12.4	3,107	3,491	3,102	1,982	1,725	938	141	119	222
September	924.9	11.9	3,105	3,382	3,273	2,105	1,699	932	116	125	247
October..	903.7	13.6	3,462	3,687	3,698	2,162	1,643	924	134	130	263
November	570.9	15.6	3,972	4,094	4,040	2,423	1,769	1,112	137	143	260
December	243.1	12.6	2,925	2,931	2,882	1,788	1,503	812	88	93	194
January..	126.0	12.4	3,159	3,272	3,403	1,811	1,315	872	94	72	180
February	182.4	r13.8	3,702	4,311	3,901	2,435	1,656	1,204	153	r113	229
March ..	292.7	14.4	3,961	4,598	4,000	2,496	1,781	1,363	169	133	260
April ..	262.5	12.3	3,673	3,835	3,794	1,937	1,691	r1,321	147	111	218
May ..	222.0	16.3	4,699	5,011	4,335	2,324	2,053	1,619	211	145	294
June ..	158.3	15.4	r4,311	4,463	4,574	2,045	2,136	r1,772	175	138	r282
1962-63 p—											
July ..	348.3	13.8	r4,676	4,504	r5,020	r2,897	r1,859	r1,565	142	154	301
August ..	574.9		4,507	4,555	4,511	3,101	1,958	1,700			

(a) First hand receipts as recorded by the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers. (b) Includes mixtures predominantly of the fibre named. (c) Excludes towels and towelling. (d) Includes blanketing and rug material from July, 1962. (e) Includes boys' prior to July, 1956. (f) Includes other than full length prior to July, 1954.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF CLOTHING (continued) AND MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

Period.	Men's and Youths'—			Shirts, Men's and Boys'.	Underwear.		Boots, Shoes and Sandals (not Rubber). (b)	Mat- tresses, Inner Spring.	Lawn Mowers, Petrol.	Motor Spirit. (c)	Plastics and Synthetic Resins. (d)	News- print.
	Short Length Coats and Jackets.		Sports Trous- ers.		Men's, Youths', and Boys'.	Women's Maids' and Girls'.						
	Suit.(a)	Other.(a)										
	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 pairs.	'000.	No.	Million gals.	'000 cwt.	Tons.
Monthly												
Average—												
1936-37 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	(e) 61	192		1,208	0.9	n.a.	28.4	n.a.	..
1937-38 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	(e) 70	228		1,176	1.5	n.a.	25.3	n.a.	..
1938-39 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	(e) 56	229		1,164	2.2	n.a.	19.3	n.a.	..
1955-56 ..	63.1	67.2	223.4	109	130 234		1,651	39.7	6,563	49.8	55.6	6,585
1956-57 ..	59.8	66.9	213.4	119	140 244		1,745	41.8	13,438	68.1	71.3	6,633
1957-58 ..	60.6	63.3	216.0	128	151 238		1,782	42.3	12,271	74.1	75.0	6,757
1958-59 ..	p60.7	p62.2	p226.2	135	154 248		2,005	48.4	20,747	77.9	72.8	6,923
1959-60 ..	p64.7	p75.7	p271.7	153	157 265		2,136	51.6	20,560	88.4	99.1	7,376
1960-61 ..	p66.8	p70.2	p302.7	152	160 281		2,026	49.5	16,608	95.8	87.8	7,336
1961-62 p ..	68.7	56.6	304.6	137	173 280		2,083	52.8	16,724	101.3	r109.1	7,480
Monthly												
Total—												
1959-60—	p	p	p	p	p	p						
June ..	65.4	84.8	274.1	165	181	290	2,204	45.9	3,716	89.9	n.a.	7,465
1960-61 p—												
July ..	63.0	65.9	283.7	174	164	302	2,079	49.2	9,604	87.3	88.0	7,805
August ..	78.7	81.1	344.6	211	202	328	2,501	57.7	12,633	96.2	105.8	7,991
September ..	79.0	84.6	366.1	209	178	299	2,450	51.7	19,978	94.8	112.7	7,425
October ..	74.6	81.7	361.9	192	183	308	2,344	49.5	32,684	100.2	107.5	7,937
November ..	83.6	81.4	417.1	204	217	361	2,469	55.2	42,185	90.7	112.8	7,979
December ..	66.5	58.7	307.3	128	145	268	1,677	52.8	34,674	114.5	97.2	5,935
January ..	34.5	36.5	181.1	74	104	166	1,220	36.5	23,073	100.0	78.7	7,693
February ..	64.7	71.5	288.4	123	171	283	1,791	49.7	12,610	81.8	80.9	7,107
March ..	66.2	87.0	314.8	135	167	278	2,068	52.3	4,138	95.4	71.6	6,309
April ..	63.0	70.7	242.5	107	113	221	1,658	41.1	2,885	94.5	66.3	7,215
May ..	66.0	77.4	288.9	140	138	277	1,995	50.9	2,937	103.1	64.8	7,024
June ..	61.6	46.1	236.5	131	120	252	1,784	43.4	1,400	91.1	67.4	7,619
1961-62 p—												
July ..	62.8	42.2	246.4	132	139	260	1,994	47.5	5,559	97.0	77.7	7,831
August ..	73.7	54.2	327.9	163	165	303	2,395	53.4	12,603	109.9	98.4	7,917
September ..	72.8	54.3	342.3	156	167	286	2,282	49.1	25,442	98.5	97.3	7,708
October ..	76.0	64.9	353.0	164	186	332	2,491	57.0	42,599	107.9	98.5	7,878
November ..	79.2	66.5	393.4	170	199	328	2,590	59.7	38,324	101.2	112.3	7,592
December ..	63.7	51.9	296.0	116	151	249	1,637	54.6	18,015	106.0	103.7	5,655
January ..	39.4	30.2	198.0	82	125	206	1,405	44.6	15,965	101.2	r101.1	7,464
February ..	69.3	58.5	281.8	126	182	285	1,923	55.0	19,355	84.8	119.7	6,887
March ..	75.4	66.2	318.4	121	195	277	2,101	57.6	12,196	94.5	127.9	7,830
April ..	r67.5	62.5	256.8	107	152	235	1,807	48.8	4,420	101.9	r121.4	7,492
May ..	79.0	68.1	340.2	155	r216	303	2,340	57.8	3,709	112.1	r122.4	7,924
June ..	65.1	59.5	300.9	r153	200	290	2,034	49.1	2,500	100.2	r129.4	7,580
1962-63 p—												
July ..	78.8	50.0	317.5	168	202	314	2,375	51.6	7,641	102.8	124.4	7,
August ..									15,892			7,548

(a) Excludes plastic coats and dust coats.
Department of National Development.
(e) Excludes knitted.

(b) Includes Infants' Soft Soled Nursery, prior to July, 1956.
(d) Liquid resin or emulsion form are shown in terms of dry weight of resin content.

(c) Source:

For meaning of symbols n.a., .., p, r, —, see page 1.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES: VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source: *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

(Base: 1953 = 100.)

Period.	Belgium. (a)	Canada. (a)	France. (a)	Germany West. (a)	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Norway. (a)	Sweden. (a) (b)	United King- dom. (a) (c)	U.S.A. (a)
1953	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1954	106	100	110	112	109	108	110	108	104	106	94
1955	116	110	120	129	120	116	118	116	111	111	106
1956	123	120	133	139	128	144	123	122	114	112	109
1957	124	120	144	147	137	167	126	128	117	114	110
1958	116	120	150	151	142	168	127	128	120	113	102
1959	122	129	156	162	158	208	139	136	124	118	116
1960	129	130	174	180	r182	r262	157	r150	134	127	119
1961	135	134	184	r190	200	317	159	r157	139	128	120
1959—											
November ..	132	133	179	186	172	224	144	148	140	133	114
December ..	126	126	183	178	172	240	145	134	141	123	118
1960—											
January ..	122	129	174	164	165	224	141	137	135	128	122
February ..	129	131	175	168	174	250	145	150	138	131	122
March ..	132	132	171	176	189	268	163	152	140	134	122
April ..	132	127	178	178	179	252	155	132	139	125	121
May ..	133	131	179	183	189	253	162	146	136	130	120
June ..	133	134	183	185	180	257	163	155	140	126	120
July ..	112	125	168	168	190	260	151	101	72	116	114
August ..	124	126	119	168	154	259	151	145	130	111	118
September ..	137	132	178	186	194	268	161	157	138	131	119
October ..	135	133	183	189	193	272	166	159	142	134	120
November ..	138	132	194	203	188	278	166	158	149	133	116
December ..	119	124	190	189	191	289	163	144	145	126	112
1961—				r							
January ..	98	124	183	180	r187	271	158	151	144	126	112
February ..	138	129	187	185	185	294	146	159	148	132	114
March ..	141	127	185	191	209	325	172	151	148	133	114
April ..	141	129	188	196	r188	299	155	159	147	130	117
May ..	143	133	195	196	206	310	161	145	144	129	119
June ..	142	139	192	192	r193	317	167	165	144	133	122
July ..	118	131	169	178	208	320	150	108	74	124	116
August ..	131	134	128	174	163	317	152	159	134	108	122
September ..	138	141	182	194	212	326	157	170	141	131	124
October ..	142	142	192	199	219	338	171	171	148	133	128
November ..	146	143	205	210	216	338	168	179	153	134	126
December ..	139	135	202	201	208	352	150	158	148	126	124
1962—											
January ..	137	135	196	184	216	323	164	160	146	126	124
February ..	140	141	202	192	208	346	153	171	148	129	127
March ..	140	142	199	191	r228	380	170	177	148	130	129
April ..		140	206	204	210	347	158	157	151	129	129
May ..		146	208	202	229	351	176	163	148	134	129
June ..			205	206		352		173			131

(a) Adjusted for number of working days.

(b) Excludes electricity and manufactured gas.

(c) Includes construction.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Defence Service Vehicles.)

Period.	Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period.(a)			New Motor Vehicles Registered during period.(b)		
	Motor Cars.(c)	Commercial Vehicles, etc.(c)	Motor Cycles.	Motor Cars and Station Wagons.	Other Motor Vehicles.	Motor Cycles
	'000.	'000.	'000.	Monthly Averages.		
1952-53	(d) 1,103	(d) 584	(d) 148	(e) 7,659	(f) 4,228	n.a.
1953-54	1,195	612	141	(e) 10,297	(f) 4,687	892
1954-55	1,342	655	133	(e) 13,581	(f) 5,580	939
1955-56	1,467	683	126	13,472	5,625	868
1956-57	1,564	707	120	12,271	4,831	800
1957-58	1,676	735	116	13,847	5,148	869
1958-59	1,783	766	111	14,693	5,528	836
1959-60	1,924	807	102	18,671	5,757	807
1960-61	2,065	843	93	18,595	4,931	656
1961-62	2,185	869	85	17,994	4,343	443
				Monthly Totals.		
1960-61—						
July	1,927	806	100	20,399	5,604	644
August	1,949	812	100	22,465	6,253	720
September ..	1,967	817	99	22,463	5,811	720
October	1,980	819	98	24,266	5,505	765
November ..	2,004	828	98	26,067	5,824	709
December ..	2,025	838	99	17,607	4,779	671
January	2,028	835	98	12,704	3,556	683
February ..	2,034	837	97	12,905	4,090	751
March	2,044	839	97	19,013	4,657	729
April	2,050	841	95	14,755	4,132	500
May	2,059	843	94	16,342	4,741	581
June	2,065	843	93	14,156	4,217	406
1961-62—						
July	2,069	842	92	13,620	3,751	401
August	2,080	843	91	16,096	3,924	427
September ..	2,082	844	90	15,735	3,790	384
October	2,095	842	90	17,848	4,362	433
November ..	2,105	846	89	18,383	4,413	401
December ..	2,117	849	89	16,575	3,975	407
January	2,127	851	88	15,759	3,775	468
February ..	2,137	858	88	17,988	4,240	529
March	2,148	861	88	21,212	5,077	530
April	2,158	862	87	17,665	4,428	447
May	2,173	866	86	21,908	5,465	464
June	2,185	869	85	23,137	4,921	423
1962-63—						
July				23,703	5,168	466
August				25,624	4,874	407

(a) Prior to January, 1956, Department of Navy vehicles were included. with the "on Register" series.

(b) This series is not strictly comparable to purpose of use and not type of vehicle; consequently motor car registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles registered for private use. Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' private cars registered in Victoria were included in commercial vehicle registrations.

(d) Excludes the Northern Territory.

(e) Includes ambulances and hearses.

(f) Excludes ambulances and hearses.

For meaning of symbol n.a., see page 1.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS: OPERATIONS AND REVENUE.

Period.	Revenue Train-miles.	Goods and Livestock.		Passenger- journeys.	Earnings.	
		Tons Carried.	Net Ton- miles.(a)		Gross.	Net.
	'000.	'000.	Million.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Monthly Average—						
1951-52	7,780	3,672	562.9	41,707	11,627	-721
1952-53	7,394	3,644	547.8	41,468	12,903	-560
1953-54	7,789	3,880	579.4	42,557	14,155	140
1954-55	7,896	3,951	608.0	43,071	14,498	126
1955-56	8,020	3,875	606.1	42,895	14,762	-646
1956-57	7,924	3,956	614.1	41,543	15,608	-419
1957-58	7,524	3,771	565.5	39,702	14,845	-691
1958-59	7,607	4,003	607.5	38,916	15,345	-67
1959-60	7,722	4,264	663.5	38,392	16,180	6
1960-61	7,752	4,614	729.1	37,072	17,352	657
Monthly Total—(b)						
1959-60—		(c)	(c)			
April	7,374	3,964	646.1	35,835	15,560	-267
May	7,897	4,403	710.8	44,485	16,820	-320
June	7,752	4,425	710.3	36,443	17,588	-2,551
1960-61—						
July	7,836	4,431	700.5	40,771	16,463	1,500
August	8,243	5,087	777.7	40,004	18,509	2,092
September ..	8,037	4,837	777.0	41,654	18,375	2,267
October	7,991	4,717	738.7	39,831	18,136	2,152
November ..	7,713	4,665	740.4	35,370	17,815	525
December ..	7,679	4,013	638.5	33,908	16,042	-245
January	7,368	3,919	653.0	38,662	16,436	903
February ..	7,113	4,506	727.6	41,196	16,562	1,512
March	7,987	4,946	787.2	36,866	17,994	1,668
April	7,333	4,093	682.9	35,551	15,885	129
May	8,239	5,117	802.2	42,326	18,556	392
June	7,868	4,699	723.2	36,840	17,743	-2,982
1961-62—						
July	7,962	4,827	746.3	42,477	17,609	2,146
August	8,200	5,061	770.7	36,348	18,192	1,137
September ..	7,834	4,749	730.7	41,581	17,834	1,025
October	7,820	4,835	727.5	39,574	17,580	834
November ..	7,658	4,824	707.0	35,104	16,940	-338
December ..	7,357	3,994	613.7	34,280	15,561	-756
January	7,494	3,950	648.6	37,882	16,318	144
February ..	7,327	4,519	753.8	41,672	16,877	1,556
March	7,835	4,740	791.3	37,502	17,411	918
April	7,355	4,127	691.1	36,939	16,352	586
May	8,242	5,022	833.7	39,775	18,753	1,240

(a) Partly estimated.

(b) Prepared from monthly railway returns and not strictly comparable with annual figures above, which include certain details not available on a monthly basis and which exclude government grants from Net Earnings.

(c) Excludes South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge Railway.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

SHIPPING CARGOES.

NOTE.—Part of the cargo is recorded in tons weight and part in tons measurement. As the total cannot be stated accurately as either tons weight or tons measurement, each is recorded and published separately. "1 ton measurement" equals 40 cubic feet.

Period.				Oversea Cargo.				Interstate Cargo Shipped.	
				Shipped from Australian Ports.		Discharged at Australian Ports.			
				'000 tons weight.	'000 tons measurement.	'000 tons weight.	'000 tons measurement.	'000 tons weight.	'000 tons measurement.
Monthly Average—									
1951–52	..	..	..	374	103	810	391	640	110
1952–53	..	..	..	504	121	644	161	704	106
1953–54	..	..	..	479	113	711	234	758	128
1954–55	..	..	..	507	118	916	284	851	123
1955–56	..	..	..	555	129	1,036	285	969	111
1956–57	..	..	..	728	115	1,050	229	992	107
1957–58	..	..	..	614	124	1,143	243	1,051	96
1958–59	..	..	..	720	122	1,186	222	1,030	88
1959–60	..	..	..	843	123	1,288	272	1,076	113
1960–61	..	..	..	1,146	129	1,439	317	1,143	123
1961–62	..	..	..	1,433	128	1,460	230	1,138	99
Monthly Total—									
1959–60—									
June	..	..	..	832	124	1,332	339	1,180	131
1960–61—									
July	..	..	..	878	127	1,481	351	1,079	121
August	..	..	..	890	109	1,386	380	1,110	126
September	..	..	..	1,029	103	1,488	306	1,134	147
October	..	..	..	923	113	1,480	350	1,133	145
November	..	..	..	991	106	1,531	305	1,088	129
December	..	..	..	990	128	1,370	501	1,125	125
January	..	..	..	1,113	80	1,408	302	1,180	99
February	..	..	..	1,210	107	1,312	354	1,086	125
March	..	..	..	1,474	117	1,426	295	1,254	118
April	..	..	..	1,360	181	1,424	247	1,167	103
May	..	..	..	1,507	211	1,437	188	1,125	130
June	..	..	..	1,400	169	1,522	222	1,226	100
1961–62—									
July	..	..	..	1,419	113	1,368	196	1,163	90
August	..	..	..	1,404	95	1,553	222	1,097	106
September	..	..	..	1,597	129	1,658	204	1,175	97
October	..	..	..	1,368	104	1,405	248	1,190	104
November	..	..	..	1,549	126	1,521	217	1,157	113
December	..	..	..	1,484	113	1,451	206	1,075	106
January	..	..	..	1,345	59	1,332	236	1,130	88
February	..	..	..	1,263	96	1,352	203	930	102
March	..	..	..	1,339	159	1,390	253	1,268	102
April	..	..	..	1,436	184	1,353	248	1,080	73
May	..	..	..	1,580	197	1,861	259	1,293	113
June	..	..	..	1,417	155	1,265	270	1,095	88
1962–63—									
July p	..	..	..	1,243	89	1,667	318	1,139	93

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

Period.	Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department. (a)	Broadcast Listeners' Licences.		Television Viewers' Licences.		Telephone Services.	
		New Issues.	In force at End of Period.	New Issues.	In force at End of Period.	Lines Con- nected at End of Period.	Effective Applications. (b)
	£'000. (c)	'000. (c)	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	(c)
1952-53	5,367	17	1,986	..	..	985	n.a.
1953-54	5,650	15	2,042	..	..	1,050	10,624
1954-55	6,069	13	2,035	..	..	1,127	12,492
1955-56	6,612	13	2,089	..	..	1,207	13,734
1956-57	7,519	14	2,107	(c) (d) 11	(d) 74	1,279	9,923
1957-58	8,065	15	2,138	19	291	1,362	11,400
1958-59	8,622	21	2,264	25	578	1,443	13,398
1959-60	10,136	13	2,283	34	955	1,514	14,056
1960-61	11,347	13	2,256	27	1,217	(e) 1,631	14,113
1961-62	11,651	11	2,220	24	1,424	(e) 1,719	17,084
1960-61—	(f)	(f)		(f)		(e)	(f)
July	9,931	20	2,281	46	998	1,568	16,034
August	11,457	17	2,292	40	1,037	1,575	17,035
September	11,036	16	2,289	34	1,066	1,582	16,274
October	11,125	16	2,284	27	1,090	1,588	14,031
November	11,273	12	2,285	23	1,106	1,594	14,015
December	12,196	9	2,276	22	1,121	1,600	10,909
January	10,548	9	2,272	20	1,138	1,603	12,193
February	10,681	11	2,264	18	1,149	1,608	14,173
March	12,191	11	2,261	21	1,164	1,614	14,667
April	10,905	10	2,252	20	1,175	1,619	11,852
May	12,009	12	2,256	27	1,199	1,625	14,262
June	12,813	12	2,256	26	1,217	1,631	13,905
1961-62—							
July	10,477	12	2,240	26	1,229	1,637	14,550
August	11,776	12	2,233	27	1,251	1,645	15,902
September	11,159	11	2,218	25	1,263	1,651	14,093
October	11,876	13	2,222	27	1,285	1,659	15,668
November	11,516	11	2,233	19	1,299	1,666	15,095
December	11,364	8	2,237	19	1,310	1,672	11,617
January	11,506	9	2,240	22	1,331	1,677	15,258
February	11,650	10	2,232	21	1,338	1,684	18,048
March	12,633	11	2,235	(g) 22	1,356	1,691	21,528
April	10,484	8	2,225	19	1,388	1,698	17,434
May	12,634	12	2,221	28	1,399	1,708	22,635
June	12,739	13	2,220	34	1,424	1,719	23,182
1962-63—							
July	11,741	13	2,223	29	1,461	1,727	24,086
August	12,351	14	2,221	30	1,487	1,736	24,009

(a) Actual collections. (b) Net demand for new telephone services (i.e., excluding withdrawals of applications).
(c) Monthly average. (d) Licences were first issued in December, 1956, but did not come into force until 1st January, 1957.
(e) Details of exchange lines are no longer available. As from July, 1960, telephone services, representing exchange lines plus duplex lines, are shown. Until the introduction of duplex services in December, 1948, statistics of exchange lines and telephone services were identical.
(f) Monthly total. (g) From March, 1962, excludes short-term hirers' licences which were previously included.

For meaning of symbols n.a., .., —, see page 1.

RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(a)

CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS (INCLUDING NOTE ISSUE DEPARTMENT).

(£A million.)

Central Banking Business (including Note Issue Department).											
Period.			Notes on Issue.			Statutory Reserve Deposit Accounts of Trading Banks. (b)	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Deposits of Savings Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves).	Gold and Balances held Abroad.	Government and other Securities (including Treasury Bills).
			Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total.						
Average of Weekly Figures—											
1955-56	..	..	43.0	331.1	374.1	272.8	35.6	208.7		298.9	515.7
1956-57	..	..	44.9	338.3	383.2	289.4	31.4	205.9		349.7	508.8
1957-58	..	..	45.7	343.9	389.6	328.3	25.6	218.4		461.7	478.6
1958-59	..	..	47.2	348.8	396.0	259.9	24.2	232.9		411.5	469.1
1959-60	..	..	52.1	361.5	413.6	280.8	19.6	246.4		442.2	475.2
1960-61	..	..	57.5	370.2	427.7	294.4	18.5	138.3	130.1	365.7	571.3
1961-62	..	..	59.4	368.1	427.5	217.7	31.5	151.0	182.0	492.1	465.7
1960-61—											
July	..	..	53.5	366.7	420.2	303.4	18.1	135.0	110.8	429.1	494.0
August	..	..	54.1	369.7	423.8	300.0	19.6	140.0	115.6	406.2	526.3
September	..	..	54.5	371.8	426.3	298.6	14.5	142.2	117.0	378.9	558.3
October	..	..	57.6	372.0	429.6	297.3	20.0	147.1	113.2	361.5	587.7
November	..	..	56.4	373.2	429.6	300.5	16.6	149.2	114.2	347.1	608.7
December(c)	..	..	64.6	388.0	452.6	282.6	14.7	142.3	113.9	333.0	627.4
January	..	..	62.3	373.5	435.8	296.5	22.8	138.1	110.8	316.6	632.3
February	..	..	57.8	367.3	425.1	303.1	23.9	136.6	118.3	309.0	622.3
March	..	..	56.0	368.6	424.6	307.5	17.3	133.9	122.6	302.7	614.1
April	..	..	58.9	369.5	428.4	301.2	15.6	132.2	113.2	322.3	562.4
May	..	..	59.0	364.6	423.6	277.0	20.3	131.0	199.7	427.6	526.9
June	..	..	57.8	363.6	421.4	260.3	17.3	132.5	200.5	440.9	511.2
1961-62—											
July	..	..	55.5	362.2	417.7	219.4	27.4	139.5	199.0	471.9	470.1
August	..	..	55.4	364.9	420.3	213.5	17.5	141.8	204.8	483.8	470.1
September	..	..	56.5	367.3	423.8	214.0	22.3	145.3	199.2	490.5	482.9
October	..	..	58.5	366.5	425.0	215.9	19.0	152.1	197.8	492.7	494.7
November	..	..	56.8	368.0	424.8	220.2	19.6	151.6	201.2	491.6	509.3
December(c)	..	..	65.7	382.4	448.1	223.3	16.2	148.3	196.6	499.7	522.1
January	..	..	63.3	370.1	433.4	227.6	25.7	153.3	196.9	510.4	473.3
February	..	..	61.2	364.1	425.3	231.5	19.9	153.0	201.8	514.7	421.8
March	..	..	58.8	366.2	425.0	235.4	18.9	156.1	184.9	506.5	422.7
April(c)	..	..	59.4	372.9	432.3	224.4	33.6	157.1	123.6	461.6	422.1
May	..	..	62.7	368.8	431.5	198.4	75.4	154.8	132.7	483.8	443.9
June	..	..	61.1	368.2	429.3	195.0	75.5	160.9	131.9	491.9	449.9
1962-63—											
July	..	..	58.9	367.6	426.5	192.4	74.4	162.1	122.6	502.3	442.9
August	..	..	59.4	371.0	430.4	191.8	70.9	162.8	124.8	503.9	460.5

(a) Prior to 14th January, 1960, the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.
Trading Banks.

(c) Return for fourth Wednesday not available.

(b) Prior to 14th January, 1960, Special Accounts of

RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(a)
RURAL CREDITS DEPARTMENT: ADVANCES.
 (£ million.)

Period.	Advances.	Period.	Advances.
Average of Weekly Figures—		Average of Weekly Figures—	
1955-56	73.8	1960-61—	
1956-57	56.6	May	107.0
1957-58	33.7	June	89.0
1958-59	46.7		
1959-60	62.6	1961-62—	
1960-61	72.4	July	73.5
1961-62	69.1	August	60.4
		September	49.7
		October	41.7
		November	34.7
		December(b)	33.3
		January	72.3
1960-61—		February	110.3
July	68.4	March	101.4
August	57.1	April(b)	99.2
September	49.1	May	80.9
October	45.7	June	63.7
November	38.7		
December(b)	34.7	1962-63—	
January	56.7	July	51.8
February	88.4	August	32.7
March	103.3		
April	115.7		

(a) Prior to 14th January, 1960, the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.
 return for fourth Wednesday.

(b) Bank exempted from furnishing a

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT BANK OF AUSTRALIA(a):
ADVANCES.
 (£ million.)

Period.	Advances.		Period.	Advances.	
	Hire Purchase.	Other.		Hire Purchase.	Other.
Average of Weekly Figures—			Average of Weekly Figures—		
1955-56	16.6	14.1	1960-61—		
1956-57	16.5	14.5	May	18.5	19.8
1957-58	16.0	14.9	June	18.6	20.5
1958-59	17.4	15.1			
1959-60	17.8	15.9	1961-62—		
1960-61	18.9	17.5	July	18.7	20.7
1961-62	19.9	24.4	August	19.0	21.5
			September	19.2	22.3
			October	19.5	23.0
			November	20.4	23.9
1960-61—			December(b)	21.0	24.2
July	18.3	15.2	January	20.9	24.8
August	18.7	15.5	February	20.2	25.3
September	19.1	15.9	March	19.9	25.9
October	19.4	16.3	April(b)	20.0	26.4
November	19.9	16.8	May	20.2	27.2
December(b)	20.1	17.3	June	20.3	27.6
January	19.6	17.5			
February	19.0	17.9	1962-63—		
March	18.3	18.4	July	20.3	28.0
April	18.3	19.0	August	20.3	28.8

(a) Prior to 14th January, 1960, Industrial Finance and Mortgage Bank Departments of Commonwealth Bank of Australia. (b) Bank exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

COMMONWEALTH AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a) (Major Trading Banks.)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA. (£ million.)

Period.			Deposits.				Coin, Bullion, and Cash with Reserve Bank.	Commonwealth and State Governments Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short- Term Money Market.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank. (e)	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.
			Fixed. (b)	Current.		Total.		Treasury Bills and Treasury Notes. (d)	Other Securities.			
				Bearing Interest. (c)	Not Bearing Interest.							
Average of Weekly Figures—												
1955-56	251.9	57.5	1,167.9	1,477.3	77.1	56.3	151.7	..	272.0	908.3		
1956-57	275.1	68.8	1,168.7	1,512.6	73.6	55.2	187.0	..	288.7	869.1		
1957-58	310.7	89.6	1,196.1	1,596.4	70.6	44.5	222.7	..	327.6	882.1		
1958-59	334.9	101.3	1,166.9	1,603.1	69.5	42.4	250.2	..	259.3	929.5		
1959-60	343.8	115.2	1,248.6	1,707.6	69.5	27.5	297.1	24.3	280.2	952.0		
1960-61	406.8	102.7	1,219.2	1,728.7	72.3	22.3	228.4	23.6	293.9	1,050.0		
1961-62	533.8	99.4	1,173.4	1,806.6	71.8	34.5	370.1	30.9	217.3	1,002.2		
1960-61—												
July	362.9	110.0	1,233.1	1,706.0	69.7	13.4	234.9	13.9	302.9	1,060.3		
August	365.5	111.9	1,224.7	1,702.1	71.2	14.1	230.9	16.3	299.4	1,066.1		
September ..	365.9	104.4	1,226.2	1,696.5	66.1	9.9	227.2	16.4	298.0	1,077.5		
October	363.8	108.2	1,247.5	1,719.5	72.8	13.3	224.1	13.5	296.8	1,092.2		
November ..	368.4	103.5	1,259.4	1,731.3	70.6	14.6	219.4	16.1	300.0	1,089.5		
December (f) ..	386.4	93.5	1,247.7	1,727.6	78.7	13.0	217.6	22.6	282.1	1,080.3		
January	398.6	100.9	1,230.1	1,729.6	83.0	22.0	216.4	26.5	296.0	1,058.6		
February	426.3	104.7	1,229.5	1,760.5	78.4	44.0	223.5	28.5	302.6	1,030.4		
March	445.4	102.3	1,223.6	1,771.3	69.1	46.4	227.6	39.1	307.0	1,011.5		
April	454.8	93.0	1,210.4	1,758.2	71.5	27.0	234.1	37.7	300.6	1,016.8		
May	463.0	97.6	1,161.7	1,722.3	72.4	25.6	238.5	27.1	276.5	1,010.3		
June	471.2	99.3	1,144.6	1,715.1	69.0	19.7	243.8	28.4	259.7	1,020.1		
1961-62—												
July	486.2	104.8	1,110.0	1,701.0	76.3	26.6	261.0	28.1	218.9	1,034.9		
August	502.4	102.2	1,106.0	1,710.6	67.5	27.2	294.2	31.4	213.0	1,014.6		
September ..	514.2	101.0	1,113.1	1,728.3	72.2	28.6	330.9	31.1	213.5	1,000.8		
October	525.0	102.6	1,137.9	1,765.5	70.0	31.8	355.3	32.3	215.5	1,007.2		
November ..	534.1	94.1	1,162.2	1,790.4	71.2	30.2	372.3	31.2	219.8	999.0		
December(f) ..	535.9	91.5	1,196.4	1,823.8	78.4	29.8	378.1	32.3	222.8	991.7		
January	537.1	95.1	1,224.7	1,856.9	82.6	55.7	406.5	33.0	227.2	976.2		
February	551.3	99.0	1,236.4	1,886.7	70.7	67.3	440.3	33.3	231.1	965.2		
March	560.6	95.4	1,239.3	1,895.3	68.1	61.2	451.0	32.7	234.9	971.9		
April(f)	562.6	95.4	1,225.2	1,883.2	63.8	30.6	429.4	31.6	233.9	1,008.8		
May	554.3	103.7	1,184.8	1,842.8	70.3	13.6	381.2	28.2	198.0	1,022.0		
June	551.3	105.3	1,167.6	1,824.2	70.1	12.4	364.4	26.5	194.6	1,031.4		
1962-63—												
July	558.6	114.0	1,150.2	1,822.8	67.9	10.1	352.3	31.2	192.0	1,060.9		
August	570.4	112.9	1,139.0	1,822.3	66.9	14.0	355.8	31.6	191.4	1,052.1		

(a) Commonwealth Trading Bank, Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., the Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, the Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., The English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. (b) Prior to February, 1960, fixed deposits—Australian Governments were included in current deposits bearing interest. (c) See note (b). (d) Figures for periods prior to July 1962 relate to Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities, the latter Securities being replaced by Treasury Notes. (e) Prior to 14th January, 1960, Special Account with Commonwealth Bank. (f) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols . . , see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)

(Major Trading Banks.)

RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
	Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Treasury Notes.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Treasury Notes + other Commonwealth and State Government Securities.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank.	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.	
Average of Weekly Figures—						
1955-56	5.2	9.0	19.3	18.4	61.5	79.1
1956-57	4.9	8.5	20.9	19.1	57.5	77.3
1957-58	4.4	7.2	21.2	20.5	55.3	74.9
1958-59	4.3	7.0	22.6	16.2	58.0	72.8
1959-60	4.1	5.7	23.1	16.4	55.8	73.1
1960-61	4.2	5.5	18.7	17.0	60.7	70.5
1961-62	4.0	5.9	26.4	12.0	55.5	65.0
1960-61—						
July	4.1	4.9	18.7	17.8	62.2	72.3
August	4.2	5.0	18.6	17.6	62.6	72.0
September	3.9	4.5	17.9	17.6	63.5	72.3
October	4.2	5.0	18.0	17.3	63.5	72.6
November	4.1	4.9	17.6	17.3	62.9	72.7
December (b)	4.5	5.3	17.9	16.3	62.5	72.2
January	4.8	6.1	18.6	17.1	61.2	71.1
February	4.5	7.0	19.7	17.2	58.5	69.8
March	3.9	6.5	19.4	17.3	57.1	66.6
April	4.1	5.6	18.9	17.1	57.8	68.9
May	4.2	5.7	19.5	16.1	58.7	67.5
June	4.0	5.2	19.4	15.1	59.5	66.7
1961-62—						
July	4.5	6.1	21.4	12.9	60.8	65.2
August	3.9	5.5	22.7	12.5	59.3	64.7
September	4.2	5.9	25.0	12.4	57.9	64.4
October	4.0	5.8	25.9	12.2	57.1	64.5
November	4.0	5.7	26.5	12.3	55.8	64.9
December (b)	4.3	6.0	26.7	12.2	54.4	65.6
January	4.4	7.4	29.3	12.2	52.6	66.0
February	3.7	7.3	30.6	12.3	51.2	65.5
March	3.6	6.8	30.6	12.4	51.3	65.4
April (b)	3.4	5.0	27.8	11.9	53.6	65.1
May	3.8	4.5	25.2	10.7	55.5	64.3
June	3.8	4.5	24.5	10.7	56.5	64.0
1962-63—						
July	3.7	4.3	23.6	10.5	58.2	63.1
August	3.7	4.5	23.0	10.5	57.7	62.5

(a) See footnote (a), page 50.

(b) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

COMMONWEALTH AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)

(Major Trading Banks.)

NEW AND INCREASED LENDING COMMITMENTS AND OVERDRAFT LIMITS.

(£ million.)

New and Increased Lending Commitments.(b)					Overdraft Limits.(c)						
For Period ending Second Wednesday of—					Weekly Average.	At Second Wednesday of—(d)					Total Outstanding.
1961—						1960—					
August	..	..	..	..	7.5	July	..	..	..	..	1,689.6
September	..	..	..	..	8.4	October	..	..	..	..	1,695.5
October	..	..	..	..	9.4	1961—					
November	..	..	..	..	11.1	January	..	..	..	..	1,630.6
December	..	..	..	..	11.5	April	..	..	..	..	1,571.5
1962—						July	..	..	..	..	1,578.7
January	..	..	..	..	8.6	September	..	..	..	..	1,593.9
February	..	..	..	..	9.4	October	..	..	..	..	1,612.8
March	..	..	..	..	12.5	November	..	..	..	..	1,627.2
April	..	..	..	..	12.9	December	..	..	..	..	1,653.8
May	..	..	..	..	10.2	1962—					
June	..	..	..	..	9.5	January	..	..	..	..	1,659.0
July	..	..	..	..	9.4	February	..	..	..	..	1,671.6
August	..	..	..	..	10.8	March	..	..	..	..	1,689.0
						April	..	..	..	..	1,708.5
						May	..	..	..	..	1,720.3
						June	..	..	..	..	1,729.3
						July	..	..	..	..	p1,741.5
						August	..	..	..	..	p1,752.9

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(a)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(£ million.)

Period.			Deposits.				Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Reserve Bank.	Commonwealth and State Governments Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank. (e)	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market). Advances and Bills Discounted.
			Fixed. (b)	Current.		Total.		Treasury Bills and Treasury Notes (d)	Other Securities.			
				Bearing Interest. (c)	Not Bearing Interest.							
Average of Weekly Figures—												
1955-56	257.1	68.6	1,207.7	1,533.4	81.1	60.5	165.5	..	272.8	984.1		
1956-57	281.4	79.5	1,209.9	1,570.8	77.5	59.1	202.1	..	289.4	946.8		
1957-58	318.6	102.0	1,238.1	1,658.7	74.4	48.7	237.2	..	328.3	963.3		
1958-59	345.1	115.8	1,207.0	1,667.9	73.2	43.3	264.6	..	259.9	1,015.3		
1959-60	354.1	132.8	1,293.5	1,780.4	72.4	28.3	314.0	30.7	280.8	1,040.6		
1960-61	421.2	123.4	1,264.9	1,809.5	75.1	23.1	247.2	30.6	294.4	1,144.5		
1961-62	555.4	120.7	1,220.5	1,896.6	77.4	34.9	392.1	33.3	217.7	1,108.1		
1960-61—												
July	373.6	131.7	1,278.2	1,783.5	72.6	13.9	251.1	23.8	303.4	1,150.4		
August	377.5	134.3	1,268.4	1,780.2	73.7	14.6	247.9	26.0	300.0	1,156.4		
September ..	379.0	125.3	1,270.1	1,774.4	68.8	10.3	244.8	24.9	298.6	1,169.0		
October	376.9	128.6	1,292.8	1,798.3	75.6	13.0	241.8	21.9	297.3	1,184.8		
November ..	381.5	123.8	1,304.4	1,809.7	73.1	15.6	237.3	22.1	300.5	1,183.5		
December(f) ..	399.9	113.3	1,292.5	1,805.7	81.1	14.0	235.6	27.1	282.6	1,175.4		
January	413.1	119.5	1,277.8	1,810.4	86.3	23.1	235.6	32.1	296.5	1,153.8		
February	441.6	124.2	1,278.0	1,843.8	81.0	25.2	244.0	35.0	303.1	1,125.7		
March	461.7	121.4	1,271.2	1,854.3	71.7	47.6	247.7	44.3	307.5	1,108.0		
April	471.8	113.0	1,258.7	1,843.5	74.1	28.0	254.3	40.3	301.2	1,113.7		
May	480.3	119.0	1,207.1	1,806.4	75.0	25.8	258.9	33.8	277.0	1,108.1		
June	488.8	122.4	1,188.8	1,800.0	72.2	20.1	263.8	34.4	260.3	1,119.0		
1961-62—												
July	504.2	128.8	1,153.4	1,786.4	80.2	26.9	283.2	32.0	219.4	1,134.8		
August	521.1	125.3	1,149.2	1,795.6	70.5	27.5	317.6	34.7	213.5	1,114.9		
September ..	533.6	123.1	1,156.4	1,813.1	75.9	29.2	352.0	33.2	214.0	1,103.9		
October	545.0	124.1	1,182.3	1,851.4	73.7	32.8	374.2	35.7	215.9	1,112.4		
November ..	554.4	114.9	1,207.6	1,876.9	75.0	31.1	391.4	33.5	220.2	1,105.9		
December(f) ..	556.6	111.9	1,242.3	1,910.8	82.3	30.2	398.3	33.8	223.3	1,098.9		
January	558.6	115.9	1,275.8	1,950.3	88.6	56.2	430.3	35.6	227.6	1,082.3		
February	574.4	118.3	1,287.9	1,980.6	77.5	67.8	464.6	34.9	231.5	1,070.8		
March	584.2	115.5	1,290.4	1,990.1	75.9	61.5	474.5	34.7	235.4	1,079.1		
April(f)	586.2	117.1	1,275.5	1,978.8	72.0	30.5	452.5	34.2	224.4	1,116.9		
May	578.6	126.1	1,232.9	1,937.6	79.1	13.6	403.3	29.6	198.4	1,132.8		
June	577.7	125.0	1,215.7	1,918.4	77.2	12.4	385.9	27.9	195.0	1,143.4		
1962-63—												
July	586.6	133.6	1,197.6	1,917.8	74.6	10.1	373.7	32.8	192.5	1,175.6		
August	599.0	132.1	1,185.7	1,916.8	73.3	14.0	367.5	33.1	191.8	1,168.5		

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act. Covers the Commonwealth and Private Trading Banks, and in addition the Bank of China, Bank of New Zealand, The Brisbane Permanent Building and Banking Co. Ltd., Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See note (b) page 50. (c) See note (c) page 50. (d) See note (d) page 50. (e) See note (e) page 50. (f) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbol . . , see page 1.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS: DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)

(£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Average of Weekly Figures—									
1955-56	200.9	185.4	56.0	39.6	26.9	11.6	0.6	1.0	522.0
1956-57	219.4	195.5	62.7	42.7	28.6	12.6	0.6	1.2	563.3
1957-58	230.4	207.1	65.6	44.3	30.2	12.9	0.7	1.5	592.7
1958-59	248.9	224.7	70.3	46.2	30.7	13.8	0.8	2.0	637.4
1959-60	296.3	264.6	79.1	53.4	34.9	15.5	0.9	2.7	747.4
1960-61	322.5	282.9	81.9	58.0	37.8	16.3	1.0	3.4	803.8
1961-62	327.0	295.0	82.2	58.1	40.2	16.0	1.1	4.0	823.6
 1960-61—									
July	342.5	286.0	89.8	58.8	36.0	17.3	1.1	3.5	835.0
August	313.7	297.4	82.1	55.5	37.5	15.1	1.0	3.2	805.5
September ..	328.9	271.4	85.4	55.6	36.2	15.5	1.1	3.4	797.5
October	333.6	293.9	87.2	59.5	36.7	16.5	1.1	3.1	831.6
November ..	344.9	291.9	87.3	62.5	39.5	15.8	1.1	3.0	846.0
December ..	344.4	308.3	82.6	58.3	40.0	18.5	1.1	3.3	856.5
January	290.2	259.0	78.4	54.0	42.8	15.1	1.0	2.3	742.8
February ..	306.4	272.0	76.6	58.9	36.4	14.8	0.9	2.8	768.8
March	317.2	282.4	76.8	59.8	38.7	16.7	0.9	3.3	795.8
April	301.7	263.7	76.5	57.8	36.5	15.9	0.9	4.1	757.1
May	326.6	289.5	80.9	57.5	38.5	17.4	1.0	3.8	815.2
June	316.2	272.3	79.5	57.3	34.6	16.1	1.1	4.6	781.7
 1961-62—									
July	322.2	297.7	85.4	55.6	37.6	16.5	1.1	4.0	820.1
August	282.8	270.1	74.1	49.7	35.0	14.0	1.1	2.9	729.7
September ..	313.4	284.0	83.0	52.4	37.4	14.5	1.1	3.2	789.0
October	338.7	292.4	84.5	57.3	39.3	16.2	1.1	3.7	833.2
November ..	331.6	287.9	81.3	56.3	39.0	14.8	1.1	3.6	815.6
December ..	339.8	326.9	84.7	64.1	44.2	16.9	1.1	3.8	881.5
January	296.9	261.2	75.6	53.1	42.9	13.5	1.0	4.0	748.2
February ..	337.7	309.9	82.9	62.1	43.4	15.2	1.1	3.7	856.0
March	331.9	291.9	81.7	62.1	43.5	17.6	1.0	4.6	834.3
April	330.5	295.0	84.7	60.1	38.2	16.3	1.0	4.1	829.9
May	360.1	319.2	85.0	63.8	42.8	19.8	1.2	4.2	896.1
June	347.6	314.3	86.4	62.9	39.0	17.9	1.2	6.0	875.3
 1962-63—									
July	368.0	335.1	94.0	66.8	42.1	18.7	1.3	5.2	931.2
August	323.1	291.2	83.6	58.1	39.4	17.1	1.3	5.1	818.9

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. Includes in addition to the banks included in series on page 53, the Rural Credits Department of the Reserve Bank and the Commonwealth Development Bank (prior to 14th January, 1960 the Industrial Finance and Mortgage Bank Departments of the Commonwealth Bank).

SAVINGS BANKS: DEPOSITORS' BALANCES.

(£ million.)

At end of—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
June, 1959	488.3	458.4	166.7	157.1	71.5	42.5	2.2	4.6	1,391.3
„ 1960	541.6	499.6	182.6	166.0	78.6	46.4	2.5	5.4	a 1,522.7
„ 1961	569.2	517.5	187.1	166.8	80.7	47.4	2.7	6.1	a 1,577.5
„ 1962	625.0	570.9	205.9	181.0	90.5	51.2	3.1	7.3	a 1,734.9
1961-62—									
July ..	574.7	523.6	190.1	167.7	81.7	47.7	2.8	6.3	1,594.6
August	579.8	528.4	192.1	168.0	83.3	48.3	2.9	6.5	1,609.3
Sept. ..	583.9	534.4	194.7	169.2	84.7	48.8	2.9	6.5	1,625.1
October	587.7	537.1	196.6	170.1	85.3	48.9	3.0	6.6	1,635.3
Nov. ..	591.1	540.3	197.4	170.5	85.7	49.0	3.0	6.7	1,643.7
Dec. ..	594.3	544.0	197.6	170.5	85.5	49.1	3.0	6.6	1,650.6
January	595.5	546.1	196.3	171.7	86.1	49.3	2.9	6.8	1,654.7
February	599.3	549.6	196.7	173.0	86.7	49.8	2.9	6.9	1,664.9
March	600.8	551.8	196.9	173.7	86.9	50.1	2.9	7.0	1,670.1
April ..	599.2	548.9	196.5	172.3	86.9	50.0	2.9	7.0	1,663.7
May ..	606.5	552.9	198.4	173.0	87.6	50.3	2.9	7.2	1,678.8
June ..	625.0	570.9	205.9	181.0	90.5	51.2	3.1	7.3	a 1,734.9
1962-63—									
July ..	630.5	577.4	210.0	183.5	92.2	51.7	3.2	7.6	1,756.1
August	641.3	588.3	214.6	186.4	94.2	53.1	3.3	7.8	1,789.0

(a) Interest added 1959-60, £40.2 m; 1960-61, £44.7 m; 1961-62, £52.7 m. The major part of this interest was added in June

SAVINGS BANKS: SELECTED ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.(a)

(£ million.)

At end of—	Coin, Bullion and Australian Notes.	Deposits with Reserve Bank.	Deposits with Trading Banks.	Australian Public Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market.	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.	
				Commonwealth and States (including Treasury Bills and Treasury Notes). (b)	Local and Semi-Governmental Authorities.		Housing.	Other.
June, 1959	3.3	122.0	53.7	740.1	248.9	..	261.0	
„ 1960	2.9	133.3	54.9	793.8	285.3	1.7	277.3	23.5
„ 1961	4.3	135.7	47.4	789.3	312.2	7.6	312.1	26.7
„ 1962	4.9	154.6	60.8	832.6	352.7	13.8	345.7	28.6
1961-62—								
July ..	4.6	136.1	53.8	788.6	313.3	10.9	314.2	26.6
August ..	3.9	139.8	53.2	793.1	317.2	14.6	317.1	26.9
Sept. ..	4.2	146.0	55.2	798.2	321.1	13.8	320.0	27.2
October..	4.7	148.4	51.7	806.2	324.2	19.3	321.8	27.4
Nov. ..	3.8	144.4	51.4	814.6	327.6	21.1	324.3	27.5
Dec. ..	5.4	145.2	57.0	814.4	331.0	16.8	328.8	27.6
January..	4.8	147.1	56.0	820.6	333.3	13.5	328.7	28.3
February	4.5	148.7	57.8	825.1	336.9	14.3	330.9	28.4
March ..	4.5	156.5	53.2	826.7	340.8	13.8	333.4	28.4
April ..	5.3	149.9	56.7	823.1	344.5	14.3	335.2	28.5
May ..	4.3	147.7	57.1	828.7	347.1	15.6	338.1	28.8
June ..	4.9	154.6	60.8	832.6	352.7	13.8	345.7	28.6
1962-63—								
July ..	5.0	154.2	60.6	843.7	359.5	16.1	348.3	28.9
August	4.1	161.0	63.3	854.8	370.9	16.0	351.7	29.4

(a) Includes assets in Papua, New Guinea and Norfolk Island.

(b) See note (d) page 50.

For meaning of symbol .., see page 1.

SHORT TERM MONEY MARKET.

(Selected Assets and Liabilities of Authorized Dealers and Rates of Interest on Loans.)

Month.			Liabilities to Clients.			Holdings of Commonwealth Government Securities (at par value.)	Interest Rates on Loans accepted During Month.			
			All Cheque-Paying Banks.	Other Clients.	Total.		At Call.		For Fixed Periods.	
							Minimum per cent. per annum.	Maximum per cent. per annum.	Minimum per cent. per annum.	Maximum per cent. per annum.
Average of Weekly Figures—£ million.										
1959—June	..	..	28.3	19.8	48.1	50.4	2.94	3.13	3.00	3.50
1960	..	..	27.2	52.7	79.9	82.3	2.75	3.50	3.00	3.50
1961	..	..	34.4	62.7	97.1	100.4	2.50	4.88	3.50	4.83
1962	..	..	27.9	88.5	116.4	121.2	2.00	4.00	3.00	3.88
1961–62—										
July	..	..	31.9	67.6	99.5	102.5	2.25	4.88	3.38	4.88
August	..	..	34.7	67.7	102.4	105.6	2.25	4.25	3.00	4.25
September	..	..	33.2	69.9	103.1	106.6	2.25	3.75	2.75	3.75
October	..	..	35.7	72.0	107.7	111.2	2.25	3.88	2.88	3.88
November	..	..	33.5	76.3	109.8	113.5	2.25	4.31	2.75	4.34
December(a)	..	..	33.8	76.6	110.4	114.1	2.25	4.00	2.75	4.00
January	..	..	35.6	74.8	110.4	114.0	2.00	3.75	2.75	3.88
February	..	..	34.9	73.8	108.7	112.5	2.00	3.93	3.00	3.94
March	..	..	34.7	76.0	110.7	114.8	2.00	4.00	3.50	3.94
April(a)	..	..	34.2	79.5	113.7	118.0	2.25	4.06	3.65	4.13
May	..	..	29.6	87.7	117.3	121.9	2.00	4.06	3.25	4.13
June	..	..	27.9	88.5	116.4	121.2	2.00	4.00	3.00	3.88
1962–63—										
July	..	..	32.8	84.6	117.4	121.3	2.00	3.81	2.75	3.75

(a) Excludes one Wednesday.

(Source: Reserve Bank.)

NEW CAPITAL RAISINGS BY COMPANIES IN AUSTRALIA.

The following statistics show the net amount of cash transferred from the investing public to companies in Australia through the types of capital specified. For this purpose the "investing public" includes banks and life assurance companies (except when subscribing to issues by associated companies) and superannuation funds. The statistics do not include changes in bank overdrafts, loans to authorized dealers in the short-term money market, or deposits accepted by banks, insurance companies, pastoral companies or building societies.

NEW MONEY RAISED BY COMPANIES IN AUSTRALIA.

(£ million.)

Period.	Companies listed on Stock Exchanges.			Companies not listed on Stock Exchanges.			Grand Total.
	Share Capital.	Debentures, Registered Notes and Deposits.	Total.	Share Capital.	Secured Loans. (a)	Total.	
Quarterly Average—							
1954-55	14.9	6.9	21.8	8.0	1.1	9.1	30.9
1955-56	14.8	12.5	27.3	7.6	1.4	9.0	36.3
1956-57	10.9	12.8	23.7	6.9	1.2	8.1	31.8
1957-58	8.8	19.6	28.4	5.2	1.1	6.3	34.7
1958-59	12.2	34.9	47.1	4.5	3.1	7.6	54.7
1959-60	11.9	48.6	60.5	8.9	2.9	11.8	72.3
1960-61	24.6	29.2	53.8	8.1	2.3	10.4	64.2
Quarterly Total—							
1960-61—							
Sept. Qtr.	24.2	57.9	82.1	7.5	1.5	9.0	91.1
Dec.	29.1	47.7	76.8	9.0	3.3	12.3	89.1
March	19.9	8.2	28.1	6.1	1.8	7.9	36.0
June	25.3	3.1	28.4	9.6	2.7	12.3	40.7
1961-62—							
Sept.	26.0	27.0	53.0	p6.7	p1.3	p8.0	p61.0
Dec.	17.6	24.7	42.3			p8.6	p50.9
March .. p ..	17.1	8.8	25.9				

(a) Secured over entire assets of borrowing company.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

Period.	New Policies Issued (excluding Annuities).(b)						Premiums.(c)			Claims, etc., Paid.(d)			New Loans Paid Over. (e)
	Ordinary Business.		Industrial Business.		Superannuation Business.		Ordinary.	Indus-trial.	Super-annua-tion.	Ordinary.	Indus-trial.	Super-annua-tion.	
	Num-ber.	Sum Insured.	Num-ber.	Sum Insured.	Num-ber.	Sum Insured.							
Monthly Average—	'000.	£m.	'000.	£m.	'000.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.
1937	12.3	4.1	36.1	1.7	..	..	1.0	0.5	..	0.7	0.2	..	n.a.
1938	11.5	3.9	32.8	1.5	..	..	1.1	0.6	..	0.8	0.2	..	n.a.
1939	11.3	3.9	32.1	1.5	..	..	1.1	0.5	..	0.8	0.3	..	n.a.
1955–56	24.8	27.9	17.6	2.7	..	..	5.8	1.2	..	2.3	0.8	..	4.7
1956–57	24.3	32.7	17.5	2.8	..	..	6.5	1.2	..	2.5	0.8	..	5.0
1957–58	25.0	37.6	17.4	2.8	..	..	7.3	1.3	..	2.8	0.9	..	4.9
1958–59	26.3	43.4	16.0	2.7	..	..	8.0	1.3	..	3.1	0.9	..	6.1
1959–60	33.6	57.6	15.8	2.8	..	..	8.9	1.3	..	3.4	0.9	..	6.2
1960–61	27.7	49.5	15.1	3.6	(f)7.6	f17.6	9.7	1.3	..	4.3	1.1	..	7.1
1961–62	26.5	51.5	13.8	3.9	6.3	19.7	g11.1	1.3	..	(g)4.6	1.1	..	5.1
Monthly Total—													
1959–60—													
May	30.7	47.4	17.7	3.3	10.0	16.1	10.1	1.3	..	3.6	1.1	..	6.7
June	32.2	53.0	17.8	3.3	8.6	13.8	12.6	1.4	..	3.9	1.1	..	7.8
1960–61—													
July	33.8	55.4	14.5	2.9	9.1	15.6	10.1	1.2	..	3.8	1.1	..	7.3
August	32.7	49.4	22.3	5.0	11.3	16.8	9.9	1.4	..	4.1	1.2	..	7.7
September(b) ..	36.7	59.1	18.4	4.2	14.0	34.5	9.5	1.3	..	4.0	1.2	..	9.2
October	26.5	47.4	16.7	4.1	7.1	12.0	8.5	1.4	..	5.2	1.1	..	7.7
November	29.0	47.9	15.3	4.2	7.4	14.3	9.0	1.5	..	4.6	1.2	..	8.3
December(b) ..	29.4	86.9	11.8	3.5	8.0	51.0	10.0	1.6	..	4.6	0.9	..	8.5
January	15.8	26.4	5.0	1.0	4.8	9.2	7.9	0.7	..	3.2	0.8	..	5.6
February	20.6	33.4	14.4	3.1	5.3	9.2	8.4	1.2	..	3.6	1.1	..	6.4
March	25.7	46.9	16.4	4.1	5.8	12.0	10.0	1.3	..	4.6	1.3	..	7.3
April	23.3	38.6	12.7	3.1	6.1	10.1	9.3	1.2	..	4.2	1.0	..	5.2
May	28.3	47.1	17.5	4.1	6.8	13.2	10.9	1.4	..	4.6	1.2	..	6.4
June	30.7	55.1	16.7	4.3	5.4	13.5	12.4	1.3	..	5.5	1.3	..	5.6
1961–62—													
July	30.1	52.9	18.5	4.4	4.8	12.6	11.0	1.3	..	5.3	1.4	..	7.0
August	29.1	51.3	18.6	4.3	6.3	17.1	10.3	1.5	..	4.7	1.5	..	5.2
September(b) ..	31.6	58.4	15.9	4.4	11.5	32.3	13.4	1.4	..	5.0	1.3	..	6.0
October	25.6	48.6	14.4	3.6	6.1	13.6	10.0	1.3	..	4.0	1.3	..	4.7
November	27.1	50.8	14.8	4.0	6.4	13.5	10.0	1.5	..	4.0	1.3	..	4.4
December(b) ..	27.1	69.9	11.3	3.8	7.9	62.6	12.1	1.8	..	4.8	0.9	..	4.9
January	16.5	31.3	5.2	1.1	5.6	11.5	7.1	0.6	(f)2.6	2.7	0.8	(f)0.9	3.2
February	20.9	37.8	12.4	3.3	4.4	9.6	6.9	1.2	2.3	3.1	1.0	1.0	4.0
March	27.9	55.1	15.1	5.0	5.7	15.2	7.7	1.5	3.0	3.2	1.2	1.6	5.1
April	23.9	47.8	13.7	4.3	5.8	12.6	7.0	1.3	3.7	2.9	1.0	0.8	4.4
May	27.5	51.4	11.6	3.8	5.3	15.3	8.8	1.3	2.7	3.6	1.1	1.2	6.1
June	31.2	61.5	13.9	4.9	5.7	21.1	10.2	1.3	3.8	4.1	1.1	1.5	6.0

(a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office, which operate only in New South Wales and Queensland respectively. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947-48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns. (b) Relates to periods during which policies were recorded in company registers, which may be subsequent to periods in which written. Recordings tend to concentrate more in the last month of a company's year; months mainly affected are September and December. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (e) Excludes advances of premiums. (f) Figures for earlier periods not available separately; included with Ordinary Business. (g) Includes superannuation. Separate details of superannuation, which are available for the latter six months of 1961-62, are given below.

For meaning of symbols n.a., .., —, see page 1.

INTERNATIONAL RESERVES, EXCHANGE RATES, GOLD PRICES, SECURITY YIELDS, PRIVATE FIRST MORTGAGES.

Period.	Inter- national Reserves. (a)	Exchange Rates.(b)			Gold Prices.(b)		Commonwealth Govern- ment Securities.		Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales. (Revised Series). (f)
		Australia on London.(c)	London on New York. (c)	Australia on New York. (d)	Australia.	London.	Theoretical 2 years.(e)	Theoretical 15 years.(e)	
	£m.	£A. per £100Stg.	\$ per £Stg.	\$ per £A.	£A. per fine oz.	£Stg. per fine oz.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent. (g)
1936-37	92.9	125.25	4.939	3.929	8.781	7.041	(h) 3.57	(i) 3.94	(j) 5.3
1937-38	85.2	125.25	4.980	3.961	8.690	7.001	(h) 3.30	(i) 3.71	(j) 5.3
1938-39	60.7	125.25	4.738	3.759	9.137	7.340	(h) 3.67	(i) 3.84	(k) 5.4
1955-56	355.0	125.25	2.795	2.228	15.625	12.496	4.39	4.76	5.8
1956-57	566.5	125.25	2.789	2.220	15.625	12.532	4.71	5.06	6.8
1957-58	525.4	125.25	2.805	2.232	15.625	12.491	4.38	4.99	7.3
1958-59	516.4	125.25	2.809	2.235	15.625	12.496	4.16	4.94	7.4
1959-60	512.0	125.25	2.805	2.233	15.625	12.511	4.01	4.91	8.3
1960-61	550.8	125.25	2.804	2.232	15.625	12.589	5.06	5.21	8.7
1961-62	561.2	125.25	2.810	2.236	15.625	12.505	4.45	5.06	8.8
1960-61—									(l)
July	482.6	125.25	2.808	2.235	15.625	12.500	4.26	4.97	8.7
August	441.9	125.25	2.810	2.237	15.625	12.502	4.29	4.96	8.9
September ..	424.0	125.25	2.813	2.239	15.625	12.523	4.30	4.97	8.8
October	413.3	125.25	2.812	2.238	15.625	12.728	4.31	4.97	8.9
November ..	398.0	125.25	2.814	2.240	15.625	12.729	5.35	5.19	8.9
December ..	376.3	125.25	2.808	2.234	15.625	12.657	5.60	5.30	8.9
January	374.5	125.25	2.807	2.234	15.625	12.673	5.50	5.34	8.8
February ..	373.6	125.25	2.800	2.229	15.625	12.559	5.49	5.38	8.6
March	388.1	125.25	2.798	2.227	15.625	12.539	5.46	5.35	8.5
April	416.5	125.25	2.798	2.227	15.625	12.536	5.46	5.36	8.5
May	531.1	125.25	2.794	2.224	15.625	12.548	5.43	5.36	8.6
June	550.8	125.25	2.790	2.220	15.625	12.568	5.23	5.36	8.6
1961-62—									
July	574.6	125.25	2.787	2.218	15.625	12.598	4.93	5.34	8.7
August	571.1	125.25	2.803	2.231	15.625	12.546	4.60	5.35	8.7
September ..	573.4	125.25	2.812	2.238	15.625	12.515	4.59	5.33	8.7
October	578.0	125.25	2.815	2.241	15.625	12.501	4.46	5.13	8.7
November ..	587.0	125.25	2.815	2.240	15.625	12.500	4.38	4.99	8.8
December ..	601.7	125.25	2.810	2.236	15.625	12.508	4.36	4.98	8.8
January	596.1	125.25	2.811	2.237	15.625	12.510	4.35	4.94	8.9
February ..	607.7	125.25	2.815	2.240	15.625	12.480	4.39	4.94	8.8
March	537.6	125.25	2.815	2.241	15.625	12.463	4.39	4.95	8.8
April	550.3	125.25	2.814	2.240	15.625	12.465	4.38	4.93	8.8
May	565.5	125.25	2.812	2.238	15.625	12.473	4.31	4.93	8.9
June	561.2	125.25	2.809	2.232	15.625	12.500	4.30	4.93	9.1
1962-63—									
July	574.9	125.25	2.807	2.234	15.625	12.513	4.30	4.90	9.1
August	565.8	125.25	2.804	2.232	15.625	12.526	4.26	4.91	9.1

(a) Source: Reserve Bank. Net Gold and Foreign Exchange Holdings (Official and Banking Institutions). See page 22, Reserve Bank of Australia Statistical Bulletin, Financial Supplement, September, 1960, for a description of this series. Annual and December figures as at end of period, other figures last Wednesday of month. (b) Average of daily quotations. (c) Average of buying and selling rates for telegraphic transfers. (d) Selling rate. Direct quotation. (e) Source: Reserve Bank. Yields are to last date of redemption. Income tax rebate of 2s. in the pound has not been taken into account. Prior to July, 1959, rates applied to securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5 and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. Since July, 1959, theoretical 2-year and theoretical 15-year securities. Average for the week is centred on last Wednesday of the month. (f) From 1956-57, includes all mortgages for corporations (other than banks and building societies) and individuals, except completely abnormal amounts of £1 m. or more in months in which large mortgages are few in number. Certain other refinements previously incorporated in the series have now been excluded in order to indicate current trends more accurately. Figures prior to 1956-57 have not been adjusted, but the variation between the adjusted and unadjusted series in these earlier years is negligible. (g) Weighted average twelve months. (h) Under 5 years taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rate. (i) Ten years and over taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (j) Urban securities only. (k) Rural and urban securities. (l) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown.

For meaning of symbol — see page 1.

INTEREST RATES.

(Per Cent. per Annum.)

Date of Change in Rate.	Trading Banks—						Common-wealth Savings Bank Deposits (Maximum Rate).	Common-wealth Loans (Long Term).
	Fixed Deposits—				Overdrafts (Maximum Rate).			
	3 months.	6 months.	12months.	24months.	Common-wealth Trading Bank.(a)	Private Trading Banks.		
1946—20th November ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(b)1.50	4.25	4.75	2.00	3.125
1947—1st January	0.50	0.75	1.00	(b)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	3.125
1949—1st May	0.50	0.75	1.00	(b)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	3.125
1951—21st August	0.50	0.75	1.00	(b)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	3.750
1952—29th July	1.00	1.25	1.50	(c)1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	3.750
25th November	1.00	1.25	1.50	(c)1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	4.500
1955—1st January	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	4.500
1956—15th March	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	4.500
1st April	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(d)6.00	(d)6.00	2.75	4.500
10th May	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(d)6.00	(d)6.00	2.75	5.000
4th December	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(d)6.00	(d)6.00	2.75	5.000
1958—1st November ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(d)6.00	(d)6.00	3.00	5.000
1960—17th November ..	4.00		4.50	(e)	(f)7.00	(f)7.00	3.00	5.000
1961—1st January	4.00		4.50	(e)	(f)7.00	(f)7.00	3.25	5.000
22nd February	4.00		4.50	(e)	(f)7.00	(f)7.00	3.25	5.375
1st July	4.00		4.25	(e)	(f)7.00	(f)7.00	3.50	5.375
1962—7th February	4.00		4.25	(e)	(f)7.00	(f)7.00	3.50	5.000
13th April	3.75		4.00	(e)	7.00	7.00	3.50	5.000

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) 1 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (c) 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (d) Average rate on all advances not to exceed 5½ per cent. (e) Since 17th November, 1960, banks have not accepted fixed deposits for periods longer than 12 months. (f) Average rate on all advances not to exceed 6 per cent.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE SHORT-TERM DEBT REDEEMABLE IN AUSTRALIA.(a)

(£'000.)

Date.	Commonwealth.		States.	Total.	Date.	Commonwealth.		States.	Total.
	Treasury Bills.	Seasonal Securities.				Treasury Bills.	Seasonal Securities.		
30th June—									
1937 ..	..	..	46,408	46,408	1960-61—				
1938 ..	..	..	46,598	46,598	30th Apr.	224,000	25,246	..	249,246
1939 ..	..	..	50,228	50,228	31st May	192,000	8,094	..	200,094
1954 ..	190,000	..	..	190,000	30th June	186,000	..	..	186,000
1955 ..	160,000	..	..	160,000	1961-62—				
1956 ..	165,000	..	..	165,000	31st July	180,000	..	1,000	181,000
1957 ..	150,000	..	..	150,000	31st Aug.	206,000	..	2,000	208,000
1958 ..	140,000	..	..	140,000	30th Sept.	236,000	25,099	2,000	263,099
1959 ..	171,000	..	..	171,000	31st Oct.	268,000	40,227	2,000	310,227
1960 ..	201,000	..	..	201,000	30th Nov.	285,000	48,203	7,000	340,203
1961 ..	186,000	..	..	186,000	31st Dec.	303,000	49,350	11,000	363,350
1962 ..	208,000	..	..	208,000	31st Jan.	248,000	95,924	10,000	353,924
1960-61—					28th Feb.	216,000	82,012	8,000	306,012
31st Aug.	222,000	..	..	222,000	31st Mar.	213,000	86,125	5,500	304,625
30th Sept.	254,000	..	..	254,000	30th Apr.	190,000	30,741	5,000	225,741
31st Oct.	286,000	17,559	..	303,559	31st May	174,000	19,417	1,000	194,417
30th Nov.	293,000	31,103	..	324,103	30th June	208,000	..	..	208,000
31st Dec.	320,000	30,227	..	350,227	1962-63—				
31st Jan.	332,000	35,167	..	367,167	31st July.	168,000	(b)18,653	1,000	187,653
28th Feb.	319,000	42,316	..	361,316	31st Aug.	179,000	(b)44,867	2,000	225,867
31st Mar.	282,000	47,513	..	329,513					

(a) Excludes overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills (b) Treasury Notes.

For meaning of symbol .., see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.(a)

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS.

(£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six States.	Commonwealth.	Grand Total.(b)
REVENUE.									
1938-39	51.1	27.0	19.3	12.3	11.0	3.6	124.3	95.1	209.5
1955-56	204.4	123.1	75.7	55.4	49.6	17.8	526.0	1,138.4	1,466.1
1956-57	223.8	133.2	85.2	61.6	54.3	18.8	576.9	1,311.8	1,672.4
1957-58	231.5	142.3	88.0	66.3	57.1	20.0	605.2	1,323.8	1,690.7
1958-59	239.8	151.2	99.0	68.0	60.1	21.9	640.0	1,296.1	1,682.9
1959-60	262.5	168.3	103.1	76.1	64.4	24.3	698.7	1,438.3	1,857.3
1960-61	282.4	185.1	108.8	82.0	69.3	27.8	755.4	1,638.3	2,085.3
1961-62 (Estimate)	294.2	194.2	114.4	87.4	73.9	29.5	793.6	1,697.2	2,179.9
1960-61—									
July	20.6	11.0	7.0	5.4	4.5	1.5	50.0	94.3	123.4
July-August ..	41.4	23.3	14.9	11.2	9.2	2.9	102.9	187.9	2,490.0
July-June ..	282.4	185.1	108.8	82.0	69.3	27.8	755.4	1,638.3	2,085.3
1961-62—									
July	21.5	12.0	7.7	6.4	5.5	1.6	54.7	98.4	130.6
July-August ..	43.1	25.1	15.7	12.5	11.5	3.1	111.0	188.1	254.1
July-June ..	296.5	196.3	117.3	89.1	74.9	30.3	804.4	1,641.5	2,112.5
1962-63—									
July	22.9		7.9	6.2		1.7		95.6	
July-August ..	45.4		17.5	12.9				189.8	
EXPENDITURE.									
1938-39	53.6	27.8	19.3	12.7	11.2	3.6	128.2	95.1	213.4
1955-56	211.2	126.4	77.4	56.8	51.4	17.7	540.9	1,138.4	1,481.0
1956-57	223.7	137.6	85.2	61.6	56.2	19.6	583.9	1,311.8	1,679.4
1957-58	231.5	145.5	89.5	66.7	58.2	20.8	612.2	1,323.8	1,697.7
1958-59	239.7	153.8	100.2	69.1	61.8	22.7	647.3	1,296.1	1,690.3
1959-60	262.4	168.0	103.2	76.4	65.8	25.3	701.1	1,438.3	1,859.8
1960-61	282.7	184.9	109.4	80.8	70.5	28.0	756.3	1,638.3	2,086.3
1961-62 (Estimate)	296.0	194.2	115.0	87.4	75.1	29.9	797.6	1,697.2	2,183.9
1960-61—									
July	16.3	10.6	7.2	5.3	5.4	1.3	46.1	113.8	139.0
July-August ..	39.4	25.3	16.6	11.8	11.1	3.4	107.6	223.8	289.6
July-June ..	282.7	184.9	109.4	80.8	70.5	28.0	756.3	1,638.3	2,086.3
1961-62—									
July	18.0	11.4	7.2	5.9	6.0	1.5	50.0	120.6	148.1
July-August ..	43.3	28.1	17.4	13.8	12.1	3.8	118.5	246.8	320.4
July-June ..	299.6	196.3	117.2	88.6	75.9	30.7	808.3	1,641.5	2,116.3
1962-63—									
July	19.9		8.1	5.9		1.7		121.7	
July-August ..	46.4		18.3	14.4				263.9	

(a) Figures for N.S.W. represent combined transactions of Consolidated Revenue Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways, Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of Maritime Services Board—included in annual Budget Papers. Adjustments have been made to exclude duplications. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals have been adjusted to exclude State payments to the Commonwealth in respect of pay-roll tax and Commonwealth payments to the States included in State Consolidated Revenue Funds in respect of the interest on State debts, special grants, uniform taxation, special financial assistance, grants to universities, tuberculosis capital expenditure and National Welfare Fund payments. There are other relatively minor payments for which adjustments have not been made and the adjusted figures are therefore still slightly overstated.